

HAPPY MEMORIES, LASTING FRIENDSHIPS, OUTDOOR SUMMER FUN.









We have loads of fun at **Camp Mahackeno**,

our traditional outdoor summer day camp, whether we're in morning circle, bouldering, canoeing, swimming, or competing in Mahackeno Olympics.

We splash around and learn to swim at **Camp Mini Mack**. We cartwheel, tumble, and twirl at **Gymnastics Camp**. We boogie, bop, and move to music at **Dance Camp**. You're going to like it here!

Our enthusiastic, caring camp staff are positive role models who work hard to make it the best camp experience ever. Staff go through rigorous training to ensure the safety and well-being of every camper.

At the Westport Weston Family YMCA (WWFY) we're proud that our summer campers create lasting friendships, learn important social skills, develop confidence and resilience, become independent, learn teamwork and sportsmanship, and make wonderful childhood memories. Won't you join us?





WEEK A*: 6/8-6/12 WEEK 5:7/20-7/24 WEEK B*: 6/15-6/20 WEEK 6:7/27-7/31

WEEK 1: 6/22-6/26 WEEK 7:8/3-8/7

WEEK 8:8/10-8/14 **WEEK 2:** 6/29-7/3

WEEK 9:8/17-8/21 WEEK 3: 7/6-7/10

WEEK 4: 7/13-7/17

* Weeks A and B are Mini Mack only.



REGISTRATION DATES



WWFY FAMILY MEMBERS* FRI, JAN 2 | 8:00 AM



WWFY YOUTH MEMBERS* FRI, JAN 9 | 8:00 AM



COMMUNITY REGISTRATION FRI, JAN 16 | 8:00 AM

Must maintain an active Family or Youth Membership from time of registration through entire duration of registered sessions.

SUMMER CAMP DIRECTORY



CAMP MAHACKENO



Mahackeno, Special Cares, CITs, & Race 4 Chase



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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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SUMMER LONG FUN

AT CAMP MAHACKENO



CAMP MAHACKENO is a traditional summer day camp that allows campers to experience a wide range of summer fun throughout the Mahackeno Outdoor Center campus. Our program creates an environment where campers build lasting friendships. Campers are encouraged to grow and learn about themselves and others while under the care of our wonderful, caring and highly trained counselors and staff.

GRADES K-10

MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:30AM - 3:00PM

COST PER WEEK OF CAMP WEEKS 1-9 M: \$515 | CM: \$600

*Must Be Entering Kindergarten in Fall 2026

THEME WEEKS



SUPER HEROES & PRINCESSES | WEEK 1: 6/22-6/26

Campers step into a world of imagination where capes and crowns take center stage. From daring superhero missions to magical princess adventures, every child becomes the star of their own story.



HOLIDAY HOOPLA | WEEK 2: 6/29-7/3

Why wait for December? Celebrate the best holidays of the year in one fun-filled week with festive games, themed crafts, and holiday cheer—summer style!



AMAZING RACE | WEEK 3: 7/6 - 7/10

Teams face exciting challenges, puzzles, and races across camp in this fast-paced week of adventure. Campers will test their teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving skills in a quest to the finish line.



COLOR WARS | WEEK 4: 7/13 - 7/17

Get ready for the ultimate camp competition! Campers are divided into teams to compete in sports, relays, and creative challenges where teamwork, spirit, and camp pride shine.



GOING FOR GOLD - MAHACKENO OLYMPICS | WEEK 5: 7/20 - 7/24

Let the games begin! Campers compete in Olympic-inspired events—silly and serious alike—celebrating teamwork, determination, and friendly competition on their way to gold.



TIME TRAVELERS | WEEK 6: 7/27 - 7/31

Travel through the ages in our Time Travelers Week, where each day brings a new adventure from dinosaurs to the future. Campers will explore history through themed sports, creative projects, and hands-on experiments. From fossils to futuristic inventions, every day sparks imagination and discovery!



BATTLE OF THE ATHLETES | WEEK 7: 8/3 - 8/7

For campers who love to move, this week is packed with athletic competitions, obstacle courses, and unique sports challenges that test strength, skill, and teamwork.



SHIPWRECKED & SOAKED | WEEK 8: 8/10 - 8/14

Anchors away! Campers dive into water games, treasure hunts, and pirate-themed adventures. It's a splash-filled week where fun is guaranteed to be soaked in.



SUMMER FLASHBACK | WEEK 9: 8/17 - 8/21

Relive the best of summer with a week full of camper favorites—classic games, beloved crafts, and the traditions that make camp unforgettable.



WHAT TO PACK FOR MAHACKENO

- Towels
- One piece-bathing suit (Tankini - top and bottom
- Sun Block
- Bug Spray
- Weather appropriate
- Closed toe shoes
- Water bottle
- Nut-free lunch & nut-free snack



LET'S GET READY FOR THE BEST SUMMER EVER!





MAHACKENO CAMP STORE

A Camp store allowance is included in the cost of camp. Each day during snack time, campers will have an opportunity to order small snacks.

SAMPLE SNACK ITEMS: Annie's Graham or Cheddar Bunnies, GoGurts, Nutrigrain Bars, plus popsicles on Fridays.



PARENT HANDBOOK

To ensure you and your camper are best prepared for camp, please read our Camp Mahackeno Parent Handbook, where you'll find information on How to Register, Policies & Procedures, Refunds, and more. Together we can make this the best summer ever!

CAMP MAHACKENO EXTENDED CARE

FOR MAHACKENIO CAMPERS ONLY GRADES K - 10

PRE CAMP CARE

MON - FRI | 7:30 - 8:30 AM COST: \$115/Week

Pre Camp Care is available for families who need to drop off their camper before the 8:30 – 9:00 AM drop off window. Campers enjoy table games and activities including cards, board games, coloring and drawing to name a few. Pre Care takes place in the tent adjacent to the main YMCA drop off loop.

POST CAMP CARE

MON - FRI | 4:00 - 6:00 PM COST: \$205/Week

Extra camp is extra fun! Post Camp Care runs from the end of camp until 6:00 PM. Campers have the option to enjoy extra splash pad, slides, sports, arts, crafts and more. Pickup for Post Camp Care is available from when camp is dismissed until 5:45 PM each day, after which children can be picked up at the tent adjacent to the main YMCA pickup loop until 6:00 PM.

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PRE & POST CAMP CARE COMBO

MON -FRI | 7:30-8:30 AM & 4:00-6:00 PM COST: \$260/Week

For Mahackeno families who need pre & post care on camp days.







CONFIDENCE & BELONGING

SPECIAL CARES AT CAMP MAHACKENO

SPECIAL CARES CAMP

Camp Mahackeno offers our Special Cares program to campers who require a 1:1 aide for camp. This program is intended to benefit campers whose special needs would otherwise prevent them from enjoying the summer camp experience. Our mission is to create an inclusive, supportive, and safe environment where all campers can thrive, make friends, and have fun. There are specific guidelines designed to ensure that as many special needs campers as possible are given access to the program and that the program is the right camp experience for your child.

The Camp Mahackeno Special Cares Program Handbook contains the full policies and procedures to guide parents through our inclusion philosophy, registration policies, supports, and expectations. Please make sure to read it in full.

GRADES K-5

MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:30AM - 3:00PM

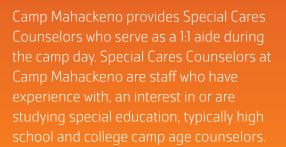
COST PER WEEK OF CAMP WEEKS 1-8 M: \$560 | CM: \$665



SPECIAL CARES REGISTRATION

- Camp Mahackeno has Special Cares for weeks 1-8 only (not Week 9).
- There is no Pre- or Post-Care Option for Special Cares.
- Registration limited to 4 weeks of camp and is by Waitlist Only. Offers of placement from the waitlist will begin in late January and early February after a review of camper documentation.
- Camper's IEP's, Behavioral Report and a parent completed Special Cares Assessment Form must be submitted by January 23rd for the registration to be complete. These will be reviewed by Camp Administration and, if deemed necessary, a parent registration meeting with Camp Administrators may be requested to determine whether our camp is adequate for your camper's needs.
- The Camp Director has sole discretion to issue final approval of registration or to decline to admit a camper to the Special Cares Program. Our priority is to ensure your camper has a safe, productive and fun experience at camp and the determination of whether we can provide the services necessary for your camper's specific needs is our primary goal.

SPECIAL CARES COUNSELORS



While they provide support and care. Special Cares Counselors are not licensed or trained professionals in the special needs field. For this reason, the Special Cares program may not be able to accommodate children who require a higher level of support or professional care.

EXPLORE







GROWING TOGETHER

CITS AT CAMP MAHACKENO

COUNSELORS IN TRAINING (CITS)

Counselors in Training is a program designed for campers ages 13–15 who are ready to take the next step toward becoming junior counselors. CITs learn how to support counselors, work with younger campers, and develop hands-on skills for leading activities.

Our two-level CIT program is designed to be a transitional program, bridging experience of being camper and developing the skills to be a counselor. **CIT 1 (Rising 9th Grade)** introduces leadership through shadowing counselors, learning camp policies, and practicing teamwork. **CIT 2 (Rising 10th Grade)** builds on that foundation with more responsibility-assisting activities, mentoring younger campers, and gaining real experience as junior leaders.

A CIT's typical day will be a mix of age-appropriate camp activities, skill and team building activities, and assisting the counselors in camper oversight.

- Morning activities will focus on skill building and team-based activities as well as some CIT level camper activities.
- In the afternoon, CITs put their training into action by assisting counselors with games, activities, and camp events as they oversee younger campers.
- CIT's will also participate with the Unit Directors and the Specialists in planning and running the weekly Special Event as well as assisting with the camp opening assembly regularly on the Log's Stage.

Together, the program develops confidence, responsibility, and readiness for future employment and community leadership.

A brief application is required to complete your registration. **Click here to complete the application.**

SAMPLE CIT SCHEDULE *Subject to change daily			
Morning Meeting	Assist with camp opening at Log's Stage		
Period 1	Team Building or Skill Building Event		
Period 2	Team Building or Skill Building Event		
Period 3	Camp Activity (e.g. canoeing, archery, sports, arts & craft)		
Lunch			
Period 4	Shadow and assist Counselors of a younger cabin		
Period 5	Shadow and assist Counselors of a younger cabin		
Period 6	Training and Skill Reflection and Discussion		

GRADES 9 - 10

CIT 1: Entering 9th Grade in Fall 2026 CIT 2: Entering 10th Grade in Fall 2026

MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:30AM - 3:00PM

COST PER WEEK OF CAMP WEEKS 1 – 8 M: \$460 | CM: \$530





RACE 4 CHASE

TRIATHLON CAMP AT CAMP MAHACKENO

RACE 4 CHASE TRIATHLON PROGRAM

The Race 4 Chase Youth Triathlon Program honors the life of Chase Michael Anthony Kowalski. It focuses on providing kids with a safe, healthy, non-competitive environment to discover the sport. Participants strengthen their skills in swimming, biking, and running and also enjoy games for team building, learning about nutrition, and building a healthy lifestyle. Training takes place in our Indoor Pool and Camp Mahackeno. All participants are required to attend the R4C Finale Triathlon at YMCA Camp Sloper in Southington.

Applications for the program are made available in late March 2026. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required with athlete contract and formal paperwork to follow prior to the start of the program.

*Application required after registration

AGES 6-12*

JUNE 22 - JULY 31 MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:30AM - 12:00PM

COST: Free, with encouraged fundraising goal of \$150 per child. A \$10 membership fee is required for USA

Triathlon Membership (Paid to USAT).









IN HONOR OF CHASE

Chase Michael Anthony Kowalski was a first-grader who lost his life at the Sandy Hook tragedy of 2012. He loved the sport of triathlon, winning the first youth triathlon he ever attempted.



LEARN MORE







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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Help us keep Race 4 Chase an ongoing program in our community! If you or your company is interested in supporting this amazing program that positively develops youth in mind and body, please contact, info@cmakfoundation.org

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NEW ADVENTURES & FRIENDS

AT MINI MACK



MINI MACK, formerly Camp Hafaday, is a traditional summer day camp that provides a safe, fun, and nurturing environment for young campers to thrive through engaging, age appropriate activities that spark creativity and curiosity. With small group sizes and 1:5 staff-to-child ratio, each child receives personalized attention. Campers enjoy daily swim lessons to improve their swimming skills and learn essential water safety, while a variety of balanced play and learning take place across well-equipped indoor and outdoor space, and under our summer camp tents.

AGES 3 - Entering 1st Grade *Must be potty trained

KICK OFF SUMMER WITH WEEK A & B

HALF DAYS | 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

M: \$355 | CM: \$415

WEEK A: JUNE 8 - JUNE 12 WEEK B: JUNE 15 - JUNE 19

& CONTINUE THE FUN ALL SUMMER LONG

JUNE 22 - AUGUST 14 | MONDAY - FRIDAY

Full Day	8:30 AM - 3:00 PM	M: \$520/WEEK CM: \$605/WEEK
Half Day	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM	M: \$355/WEEK CM: \$415/WEEK





WHAT TO PACK FOR MINI MACK

- Bathing Suit should be 2 changes of clothes worn under clothes when they arrive at
- **Towel**
- 2 Nut-free snacks
- (placed in a ziploc bag labeled with child's name)
- Goggles
- Water bottle
- Spray/aerosol sunscreen





JUMP INTO A GREAT SUMMER

DAILY ACTIVITIES

From swim lessons and splash pad adventure to hands-on science experiments and music time, learning and exploration are at the heart of our experience. Outdoor fun includes trike rides, play ground time, water slide, nature walks, and creek exploration. Sports and games keep kids active with bounce house fun, group sports, and themed challenges. Creative play sparks imagination through art projects, sensory stations, LegoMania, and cooking activities. Each week, extra fun visits camp through in-house field trips, such as past visits from a magician, a bubble show, a planetarium, and an animal conservationist!

MINI MACK SPECIAL CARES

Camp Mini Mack is proud to serve a diverse community of campers and strives to make every reasonable accommodation to help each child succeed. All campers — regardless of medical conditions, developmental differences, or unique needs — are welcomed into mainstream camp groups and supported to participate meaningfully in all camp activities.



DATES & THEMES

Week A: 6/8 - 6/12	Welcome to Summer!
Week B: 6/15 - 6/19	Camping Adventures
Week 1: 6/22 - 6/26	Superheroes & Princesses
Week 2: 6/29 - 7/3	Holiday Hoopla
Week 3: 7/6 - 7/10	Amazing Race
Week 4: 7/13 - 7/17	Color Wars
Week 5: 7/20 - 7/24	Mini Mack Olympics
Week 6: 7/27 - 7/31	Time Travelers
Week 7: 8/3 - 8/7	Mad Scientists
Week 8: 8/10 - 8/14	Shipwrecked & Soaked!

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DANCE AWAY THE SUMMER

AT DANCE CAMP

DANCE CAMP Twirl and dance this summer! Fill your days with fun and activities at our Dance Center. Our themed dance camps will keep kids active and engaged. Each camp will include a craft and snack time. Register at westporty.org/dance.

AGES 3-4 MON - FRI | 9:30AM - 12:00PM **AGES 4-7** MON - FRI | 1:00 - 3:30PM **COST PER WEEK OF CAMP**

WEEKS 1-8 M: \$250 | CM: \$325



PRINCE & PRINCESS PARTY

WEEK 1: 6/22-6/26

Calling all royalty. Dress in your fanciest attire for a fantastical fairytale week!

CANDYLAND

WEEK 2: 6/29-7/3

Let's celebrate with a colorful week full of all things that make life sweet!

COLOR ME HAPPY WEEK 3: 7/6-7/10

A week of movin', groovin' and craftin' to color inspired music and art! Add color to the week and dress to match Magenta Monday in pink, Tangy Tuesday in orange & yellow, Wild Cherry Wednesday in red, Thrilling Thursday in purple and Frosty Friday in blue.

FROZEN FANTASY WEEK 4: 7/13-7/17

Gather your Frozen garb from your travel dress to your coronation gown. It's five festive days of Elsa, Ana, Kristoff and Olaf!

ALOHA

WEEK 5: 7/20-7/24

Let's take a trip to the Hawaiian islands with a week full of hula (hooping), grass skirts, and limbo fun!

DANCE WITH ME UNDER THE SEA

WEEK 6: 7/27-7/31

From magical mermaids to sunken pirate treasure, dancers will explore all of the magical underwater wonders!

HOLIDAY HOOPLA

WEEK 7: 8/3-8/7

Celebrate a festive week with a different holiday every day! Get ready for Christmas on Mistletoe Monday, Easter on Tulip Tuesday, Halloween on Wicked Wednesday, Valentine's Day on Tenderhearted Thursday. and 4th of July on Firework Friday.

AGES 3 - 4

ME & MY BABY DOLL

WEEK 8: 8/10-8/14

Dancers will twirl and swing away the week with their favorite doll or stuffedanimal as their dance partner.

AGES 4 - 7 POP STAR

WEEK 8: 8/10-8/14

Bring the sass and learn the music and moves to your favorite tunes. Finish the week by creating a music video wearing shirts & hats that we decorate during the week!

LUNCH BUNCH

MON-FRI | 12:00-1:00 PM

Enjoy a packed lunch from home, outside with your camp

WEEKS 1-8: \$50









FLIPS & FUN ALL SUMMER AT GYMNASTICS CAMP



Spend your summer days in our gymnastics center! Every day is filled with gymnastics, games, and crafts! With Morning, Afternoon and Full Day options, you can pick what is best for your little ones!

FULL DAY GYMNASTICS CAMP

Spend your summer days in our gymnastics center! Every day is filled with gymnastics, games, crafts, and free swim! Bring a swim suit, towel, drink, nut-free snack, and lunch.

MONDAY - FRIDAY | 6/22 - 8/14

AGES 5+ 8:45 AM-3:45 PM

COST PER WEEK (1-8) M: \$515 | CM: \$600

HALF DAY GYMNASTICS CAMP

Join us for a morning or afternoon of gymnastics, games, and crafts. Bring a drink and nut-free snack.

MONDAY - FRIDAY | 6/22 - 8/14

AGES 3-7 9:00 AM-12:00 PM OR 12:30-3:30

COST PER WEEK (1-8) M: \$275 | CM: \$350

GYMNASTICS & DANCE COMBO CAMP

Combine Dance & Gymnastics Half Day Camps into a full day of fun!

AGES 3-4

*Must be potty trained.
MONDAY – FRIDAY
9:30 AM–3:30 PM

COST PER WEEK (1-8) M: \$500 | CM: \$580

AGES 4-7

*Must be potty trained.
MONDAY – FRIDAY
8:45 AM–3:30 PM

COST PER WEEK (1-8) M: \$515 | CM: \$600



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Register for Gymnastics Camp at **westporty.org**/gymnastics

GYMNASTICS

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

"Camp Mahackeno has been part of Westport's history for over 90 years."

Started in 1938, Camp Mahackeno and Mahackeno Outdoor Center are named after the Native American Sachem Mahackemo (spelled with an 'm') who used the property as a summer lodge for his tribe in the early 1600's. Camp Mahackeno has been part of Westport's history for over 90 years. At it's inception it was a 'stay home camp' option for younger boys held at Doubleday Field, a town athletic space. There were 58 boys enrolled that first summer with activities including sports, crafts, nature study, songs, story hours and swimming, which took place at Compo Beach. In March of 1945, with the help of Mr. Frederick T. Bedford, the Westport



YMCA gained the Mahackeno Outdoor Center. With \$5,000 donation from the Bedford Fund, work began to get water and sewage disposal to the site. By 1969, Camp Mahackeno welcomed both boys and girls. Our Mahackeno Camp Directors and staff have always worked to create an environment that is inclusive, safe and fun. They take on the challenge of staying relevant in an increasingly digital society, offering kids a place where they can unplug, build confidence, reinforce their imagination and develop friendships. With almost 3,000 children now attending our camps annually, we are excited to continue offering and expanding diverse, stimulating and fun summer programming and activities to all.









SUPPORTING A SAFE PLACE TO GROW

For almost a century, our Y has been strengthening the community and bringing about meaningful change. Now more than ever, children need to be social, safe, outdoors and having fun. There are some in our community who are struggling financially and Camp Mahackeno provides the opportunity for all children to build wonderful childhood memories. Additionally, they make friends, discover their skills, learn new things, and so much more.

With your financial support for summer camp, kids can be kids. Make a donation today at westporty.org/giving.

"If I didn't have camp for the summer, I honestly don't know what it would mean. It was just a true blessing to be able to be able to be here to drop the kids off, to pick them up, and know that they're having the best summer."

- Tara, Mom of 2 Mahackeno Campers

DISCOVER THE BENEFITS OF FAMILY MEMBERSHIP & ENJOY ALL THE Y HAS TO OFFER!

As a Family Member of the Westport Weston Family YMCA, your membership includes access to our Bedford Family Center and Mahackeno Outdoor Center throughout the year. Enjoy fun family programs and events, outdoor picnics, hikes, swimming, archery, bouldering, canoeing, and so much more!



WESTPORT WESTON FAMILY YMCA

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