WESTPORT WESTON FAMILY YMCA



WHERE SUMMER MEMORIES ARE MADE

2027 SUMMER CAMP GUIDE

the YMCA

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?

2027 CAMP WEEKS

WEEK A*: 6/7-6/ 11
WEEK B*: 6/14-6/18
WEEK 1: 6/21-6/25
WEEK 2: 6/28-7/2
WEEK 3: 7/5-7/9
WEEK 4: 7/12-7/16
WEEK 5:7/19-7/23
WEEK 6:7/26-7/30
WEEK 7:8/2-8/6
WEEK 8:8/9-8/13
WEEK 9:8/16-8/20

* Weeks A and B are Mini Mack only.

REGISTRATION DATES

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

JAN 13 — **WWFY YOUTH MEMBERS***
WED, JAN 13 | 8:00 AM

JAN 15 — **COMMUNITY REGISTRATION**
FRI, JAN 15 | 8:00 AM

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SUMMER CAMP DIRECTORY



CAMP MAHACKENO

Mahackeno, Special Cares, CITs, & Race 4 Chase



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2027 CAMP MAHACKENO
REGISTRATION

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$60 Registration Fee – Per Child
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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Learn more at westporty.org/FA.

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CAMP REGISTRATION & DEPOSIT FEE

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- A non-refundable $50 deposit per week reserved is required for each camper.

PAYMENTS & REFUNDS

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SUMMER LONG FUN
AT CAMP MAHACKENO

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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: $540 | CM: $620

*Must Be Entering Kindergarten in Fall 2027

THEME WEEKS

ALL STAR WEEK | WEEK 1: 6/21-6/25
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.

HOLIDAY HOOPLA | WEEK 2: 6/28-7/2
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!

LEVEL UP! | WEEK 3: 7/5- 7/9
Game on! Campers will bring video games to life through obstacle courses, building challenges, laser tag, archery, and real-life gaming adventures. **Get ready to power up and LEVEL UP!**

COLOR WARS | WEEK 4: 7/12 – 7/16
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.

MAHACKENO OLYMPICS | WEEK 5: 7/19 – 7/23
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.

CAMP QUEST | WEEK 6: 7/26 – 7/30
Embark on an epic adventure! Campers will conquer challenges, solve puzzles, hunt for hidden treasures, and work together to complete the ultimate quest. **Adventure awaits!**

SUPER HERO & PRINCESS | WEEK 7: 8/2 – 8/6
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.

SOAK IT UP | WEEK 8: 8/9 – 8/13
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: 8/16 – 8/20
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 must touch)
- Sun Block
- Bug Spray
- Weather appropriate clothing
- 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.

ALLOWANCE INCLUDED IN COST OF CAMP

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 MAHACKENO CAMPERS ONLY | GRADES K - 10

PRE CAMP CARE

MON - FRI | 7:30 - 8:30 AM
COST: $125/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: $250/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.

PRE & POST CAMP CARE COMBO

MON -FRI | 7:30-8:30 AM & 4:00-6:00 PM
COST: $285/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: $540 | CM: $620



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 Friday, January 29th 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

Camp Mahackeno provides Special Cares Counselors who serve as a 1:1 aide during the camp day. Special Cares Counselors at Camp Mahackeno are staff who have experience with, an interest in or are studying special education, typically high school and college camp age 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.**

Registration is by waitlist only.

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 2027
CIT 2: Entering 10th Grade in Fall 2027

MONDAY – FRIDAY
8:30AM – 3:00PM

COST PER WEEK OF CAMP
WEEKS 1 – 8
M: $485 | CM: $555





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.

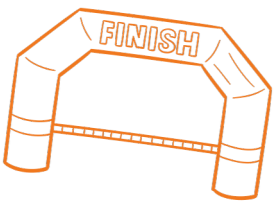
Applications for the program are made available in late March 2027. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required with athlete contract and formal paperwork to follow prior to the start of the program.
*Application required after registration

AGES 6-12*

JUNE 21 - JULY 30
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 >

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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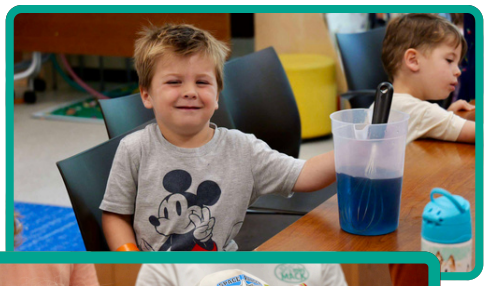


NEW ADVENTURES & FRIENDS

AT MINI MACK

MINI MACK, 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

WEEK A: JUNE 7- JUNE 11
WEEK B: JUNE 14- JUNE 18

& CONTINUE THE FUN ALL SUMMER LONG

JUNE 21– AUGUST 13 | MONDAY – FRIDAY		
Full Day	8:30 AM – 3:00 PM	**M:** $540/WEEK CM: $630/WEEK
Half Day	8:30 AM – 12:30 PM	M: $370/WEEK CM: $430/WEEK

LEARN MORE >



WHAT TO PACK FOR MINI MACK

- Bathing Suit – should be worn under clothes when they arrive at camp
- Towel
- 2 Nut-free snacks
- Nut-free lunch in an insulated lunchbox with an ice pack
- 2 changes of clothes (placed in a ziploc bag labeled with child's name)
- Goggles
- Water bottle
- Spray/aerosol sunscreen
- Water shoes





JUMP INTO A GREAT SUMMER
AT MINI MACK

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

JUNE 7– AUGUST 13 | MONDAY – FRIDAY		
Full Day	8:30 AM – 3:00 PM	**M:** $540/WEEK **CM:** $630/WEEK
AM	8:30 AM – 12:30 PM	M: $370/WEEK CM: $430/WEEK

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: 6/7 – 6/11	**Wild, Wacky Kids**
Week B: 6/14 – 6/18	**Buggin' Out**
Week 1: 6/21 – 6/25	**All Stars**
Week 2: 6/28 – 7/2	**Holiday Hoopla**
Week 3: 7/5 – 7/9	**Barnyard Bash**
Week 4: 7/12 – 7/16	**Color Wars**
Week 5: 7/19 – 7/23	**Mini Mack Olympics**
Week 6: 7/26 – 7/30	**When I Grow Up**
Week 7: 8/2 – 8/6	**Mini Mack's Got Talent**
Week 8: 8/9 – 8/13	**Soak It Up!**



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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