



**Camp Speers YMCA in the Poconos**

**2023 OPEN HOUSE**

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**We're celebrating  
75 years of  
CAMP SPEERS  
YMCA!**



# Camp Mission

**Our goal is that each camper leaves Camp Speers a stronger person than when they arrived. We guide campers on the path to embrace the Y's core values of caring, respect, honesty and responsibility, which permeate Speer's programs and activities.**

# YMCA Four Core Values



# Why Camp?

- **Allow children to be kids**
- **Engage in outdoor learning**
- **Make new friends**
- **Discover new passions**
- **Gain confidence & independence**
- **Try new things & expand comfort zones**



# Our Programs

## Traditional Overnight Camp

- One & Two-Week Sessions
  - Speers Village
  - Coaching Periods
- Counselor in Training & Leaders in Training Programs

## Specialty Overnight Camp

- One & Two-Week Sessions
  - Eljabar Village
  - Horseback Riding, Dragonfly Forest, and 10+ Other Specialty Camps
- Special Program Focuses & Smaller Camp Sizes

## Day Camp

- Monday to Friday Sessions
  - Eljabar Village for Younger
  - Speers Village for Older
  - Horse Lovers Equestrian Program Offered 9 Weeks
- Specialty Camp Programs Offered



# What's Camp Like?



# Sample Overnight Camp Schedule

**8:15 - Breakfast**

**9:00-12:00 - Coaching Periods / Specialty Programming**

**12:30 - Lunch**

**2:00-6:00 - Waterfront Time, Cabin Rotations, Rest Hour**

**6:00 - Dinner**

**7:00 - Evening Programming**

**9:30 - Prepare for Bed/Lights Out**





**Sailing**



**Canoeing**



**Kayaking**



**Stand-Up Paddleboarding**



## Mountain Biking



## Music



## Farm & Garden



**High Ropes Course  
& Zip Line**



**Gaga Ball & Other Sports**



**Archery**



**Cooking**



**Drama & Dance**



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# General Camp Information

## Camp Store

- Campers will visit the camp store several times during the week
- They can purchase sweatshirts, t-shirts, hats, water bottles, stuffed animals, and other camp knickknacks
- The camp store will also have snacks available
- Campers can purchase postcards, stamps, and envelopes to write home

## Miscellaneous

- Cell phones are not allowed at camp
- Label ALL belongings! Pack with your campers!
- Day Camp groups & Overnight Camp cabins are assigned by age & grade



# Camp Staff

Camp staff attend a mandatory 2-week training period before camp.

Topics include:

- Mandated Reporter
- First Aid/CPR/Lifeguarding/Boating
- Camper Characteristics
- Program Area Training (belaying, archery, etc)
- Emergency Procedures
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Behavior Management
- Goal-Setting with Campers



All camp staff go through background clearances as well:  
Criminal History, Child Abuse, FBI



# Questions?



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