



YMCA CAMP ALEXANDER

SUMMER 2025
DAY & RESIDENT CAMPS

AGES
7-17



REGISTRATION
OPEN NOW!

FROM OUR DIRECTOR

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My name is Baxter Arndt, and I am the Camp Director of Camp Alexander. Above all else, our goal is to help your child grow and have fun throughout the summer. Camp is a unique opportunity for kids to discover their personalities and build lasting friendships. We are committed to providing your child with the highest quality summer experience.

From early childhood through young adulthood, campers benefit from participating in well-planned, age-appropriate activities. One of our core beliefs is giving children the opportunity to choose which activities they want to participate in. Throughout the summer, we focus on promoting decision-making and encouraging active engagement.

As Camp Director, I carefully select and train a team of passionate, camp-loving staff who implement the YMCA core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility in all aspects of programming. Their dedication ensures a safe and fun-filled summer for your child.

Whether you're looking for childcare for the entire summer or just one week of outdoor adventure, Camp Alexander offers a program to fit your family's needs. Financial assistance is available to ensure that no child is turned away due to an inability to pay.

On behalf of the Summer Camp Staff, thank you for allowing YMCA Camp Alexander to be part of your child's summer.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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ABOUT CAMP ALEXANDER & WHAT'S NEW THIS SUMMER

ABOUT CAMP ALEXANDER

YMCA Camp Alexander is a recreational and educational camp located on 33 acres of mostly wooded land on the south side of Nepco Lake. YMCA Camp Alexander was created in 1940 with funding from the Alexander family, central Wisconsin's paper industry pioneers. The camp, operated by the John E. Alexander | South Wood County YMCA, features many buildings including 6 bunk houses, a nature center, camp office/Rec Hall, and 4,800 square foot Lester Hall, which is used by campers and their families for large gatherings and activities staged during camp.

WHAT'S NEW THIS SUMMER

- This summer, Camp Alexander will not be a licensed childcare facility.
 - This means that campers must be 7 years or older to attend.
 - Activities such as canoeing, kayaking, paddle boating, and bike riding will all be weekly scheduled activities.
- Morning Snack & Hot Lunch will be provided!
 - Morning Snack will be served out of the camp kitchen and should not take the place of a child's breakfast.
 - Hot Lunch will be made and served on site, much like a school lunch. No more packing lunches!
 - Lunch is included in the charge for camp, so there is no additional cost.
 - If a parent wishes to provide a lunch, they are welcome to. Refrigeration will be available for bag lunches.



CAMPERS, COUNSELORS, & STAFF

CAMPERS

Day campers range from 7 to 15 years old. Resident camp can be attended by children 8 to 17 years old.

JUNIOR COUNSELORS

Junior Counselors will take on a leadership role at camp. The Junior Counselor program will promote and enhance leadership abilities. Primary responsibilities will include shadowing counselors, participating in camp activities, leading camp songs, spreading positivity, and participating in leadership training activities throughout the summer. Anyone between the ages of 13 to 17 years are encouraged to reach out to the Camp Director via email at arndt@swcymca.org to schedule an in-person interview.

SPECIAL NEEDS CAMPERS

Camp Alexander is designed to provide accessibility for children with moderate visual, auditory, orthopedic, mental, and emotional challenges. Please discuss all situations with the Camp Director prior to registering.

STAFF

Camp Alexander is staffed with highly qualified adults that are certified in CPR, First-Aid, AED, and Red Cross Lifeguarding, and who are eager to help your child have a great week of learning and fun.



SUMMER 2025 CAMP SCHEDULE & COSTS

WEEK	DATES	MEMBER COST	NON-MEMBER COST	ADDITIONAL EVENTS
1	June 9-13	\$160	\$180	
2	June 16-20	\$160	\$180	Family Fun Night June 19 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
3	June 23-27	\$175	\$195	WR Water Park Field Trip
4	June 30-July 3	\$310	\$330	Mini Resident Week
5	July 7-11	\$160	\$180	
6	July 14-18	\$160	\$180	
7	July 21-25	\$160	\$180	
8	July 28-August 1	\$175	\$195	WR Water Park Field Trip
9	August 4-8	\$160	\$180	Family Fun Night August 7 5:30 PM-7:00PM
10	August 11-15	\$175	\$195	WR Water Park Field Trip
11	August 18-22	\$160	\$180	
12	August 25-29	\$160	\$180	

ADDITIONAL EVENTS EXPLAINED



FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

June 19 & August 7 · 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Family Night is a time for family members and campers to share in the activities and excitement of camp. Enjoy s'mores, play camp games, meet the counselors, and take a camp tour.



WR WATER PARK FIELD TRIP

Included in Week 3, Week 8, & Week 10

Campers will head to the Wisconsin Rapids Aquatics Center for two hours of waterslides, splashing, and fun in the sun!

DAILY SCHEDULE

TIME	ACTIVITY
7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Check In/Pre-Camp FREE BEFORE CARE
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Snack and Full Circle
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	All Camp Activity
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	Breakout 1
10:45 AM - 11:30 AM	Breakout 2
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Lunch
12:30 PM - 12:45 PM	Full Circle
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Swim Time and Non-Swim Activity
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Snack, Cleanup, and Reflect
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Check Out/Post Camp FREE AFTER CARE
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (Fridays Only)	Check Out/Post Camp

DAILY SCHEDULE EXPLAINED



FULL CIRCLE

Announcements, Icebreaker Games, Songs, Etc.



BREAKOUTS

Selection of several different activity options to allow campers to choose their own adventure.

Examples: Frisbee Golf, Tie-dyeing, Baking, Knot Tying, Paddling, Shelter Building, Fishing, Etc.



LUNCH

Lunches will be prepared and served on site. Meals will take place in Lester Hall. In addition to daily lunches, a morning snack will be provided. Parents can opt to send a lunchbox with a snack or two if they expect their child to want more than the provided meals.

ADDITIONAL SUMMER PROGRAMS AT CAMP

SUMMER 1 PROGRAMS (JUNE 9 – JUNE 30)

MICRO: HIKES WITH TYKES (AGES 3–5)

Wander through camp with a counselor guide! Explore camp and try fun activities including the low ropes course, bug catching, sand volleyball area, beach, hiking trails, and more!

MONDAYS FROM 5:45 PM TO 6:30 PM

\$20/MEMBER | \$35/NON-MEMBER

FISHING CLUB (AGES 6+)

Whether you're learning to fish or a seasoned professional, fishing club offers an educational and immersive experience in fishing Lake Nepco. Our fishing lead will take you along the Camp Alexander shoreline and out on the water via canoes. Camp Alexander has plenty of equipment to help our beginners find their passion on the water. Parents are welcome to participate. Kids 7 and under must have parent participation.

TUESDAYS FROM 6:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

\$40/MEMBER | \$55/NON-MEMBER

ARCHERY (AGES 8+)

Learn to shoot or work on your skills at our outdoor archery range! Instructors will walk through safety and techniques to provide a safe and fun experience.

WEDNESDAYS FROM 6:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

\$20/MEMBER | \$35/NON-MEMBER

ADDITIONAL SUMMER PROGRAMS AT CAMP

SUMMER 2 PROGRAMS (JULY 28 – AUGUST 19)

CRAFTING CLUB

Show off your creative side at Crafting Club!

MONDAYS FROM 5:30 PM TO 6:30 PM

\$40/MEMBER | \$55/NON-MEMBER

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\$35/MEMBER | \$50/NON-MEMBER

PROGRAMS RUNNING ALL SUMMER (EVERY OTHER WEEK)

GARDENING CLUB (6/10, 6/24, 7/8, 7,22, 8/5, 8/19)

Get your hands dirty with friends or family members! Gardening Club covers a wide range of activities including planting, potting, plant care, and plant identification. Parents are welcome to participate.

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY FROM 6:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

\$50/MEMBER | \$65/NON-MEMBER

WHAT TO BRING: DAY CAMP



Day Pack or Duffel Bag
to Carry Everything In



Tennis Shoes that are
Closed Toed



Sweater, Sweatshirt, or
Light Jacket when Cool



Water Shoes or Aqua Socks
for the Waterfront



Refillable Water Bottle



Swimsuit & Towel



Raincoat



Extra Change of Clothes on
a Rainy Day



Snacks in a Lunch Box



Sunscreen

Be sure to mark all items clearly with the camper's first and last name.

If your child does lose something at camp, please contact staff as soon as possible to assist in checking lost and found. YMCA Camp Alexander is not responsible for lost items.

WHAT TO BRING: RESIDENT CAMP



Sleeping Bag



Pillow &
Pillow Case



Towels



Toothbrush &
Toothpaste



Shampoo & Soap



Clothes for each
Day – Plus Extra!



Swimsuit & Towel



Sweatshirt



Extra Pair of
Shoes



Water Shoes or
Aqua Socks



Rain Gear



Bug Spray



Brush & Comb



Flashlight



Water Bottle



Sunscreen



Medication



OPTIONAL
Cap/Hat, Book,
Sunglasses, Camera
(disposable or digital)

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REGISTRATION, PAYMENT, & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

REGISTRATION

Registration paperwork will be sent to you after registration and can also be found on our website. It is also available at the YMCA membership desk. Bring in or mail the completed registration form with the payments for each camp week to South Wood County YMCA at 601 West Grand Avenue Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495.

PAYMENT

Payment must be made a minimum of two weeks prior to the first day of the registered week. Registration Forms, Health History Form, and Immunization records must be completed each year, regardless of previous completion.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE & CAMPERSHIPS

To inquire about financial assistance, please reach out to blum@swcymca.org.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Contact the YMCA as soon as possible if you plan to cancel a camper registration. Upon cancellation, parents will have the option to transfer the amount to a different week of camp or receive a refund.

To receive a refund, notification of the cancellation must be received in writing two weeks in advance to the YMCA.

Children expelled from camp for behavior matters will not receive refunds.



ADMISSION POLICY

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YMCA Camp Alexander is open to all children ages 7 to 17 years. Hours of operation are 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, with pre-care from 7:00 to 9:00 AM and post-care from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. We are a 12-week, full-time program. The YMCA does not discriminate based on race, sex, national origin, or creed. YMCA Camp Alexander is a nonsectarian, non-profit program. Non-English speaking children and families are welcome and can be provided information in their native language.

Children with special physical or emotional needs will be accepted provided that "reasonable accommodations" can be made and/or if the child's participation does not require an inordinate amount of time that would not allow for safe and quality care for the other children in the program. The final decision of a child with special needs in the program is made by the YMCA Camp. A trial period may be recommended in these circumstances.

The registration process includes completing an enrollment packet and returning it to the YMCA. Parents are encouraged to visit the camp and tour our facility prior to the child's enrollment and regular attendance. Enrollment by telephone is not allowed.

Unless notified prior, if a child is registered for camp and is not in attendance by 9:30 AM, the counselors will call to find the child's whereabouts.

We will provide a healthy morning snack and lunch. Accommodations for items needing to be refrigerated will be available. Please be mindful that we are a nut free zone due to allergies of campers and staff. Please DO NOT send any nut products.



ILLNESS, ABSENCES, & SEVERE WEATHER

ILLNESS & ABSENCES

If a camper is feeling ill, keep him/her home and notify the camp of their absence at [715.818.6010](tel:715.818.6010). Children cannot have a fever within the last 24 hours to attend camp.

If a camper becomes ill while at camp, we will notify parents/guardians to discuss whether he/she should be picked up or stay in a quiet resting area of camp. YMCA Camp Alexander will send a child home who is suspected to have an illness, a temperature of 100.4, or a contagious disease.

If a camper does not arrive within 90 minutes of the program's start time without prior notice (9:30 AM), camp will attempt to contact the camper's parents/guardians to determine the camper's whereabouts.

SEVERE WEATHER

Camp has early warning and communication steps in place in case severe weather strikes. Campers will be moved inside to an appropriate area upon first warning of dangerous weather. Please do not come to camp until the severe weather has passed. In the event of extreme temperatures, campers will be moved into a temperature controlled building and camp will go on indoors! In the event of rain during pickup/drop-off, kids will be housed in Lester Hall.



CAMPER BEHAVIOR & MANAGEMENT

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT

Camp staff are trained to implement behavior management techniques that include positive guidance, redirection, and setting clear limits and expectations with the goal of helping each child develop self-control, self-esteem, and respect for others. Campers are held responsible for their actions and are expected to follow the YMCA four core values of Honesty, Caring, Respect, and Responsibility. The YMCA and Camp Alexander have a ZERO TOLERANCE policy for bullying and disrespect.

CAMPER BEHAVIOR

Camp programming is designed for group participation and interaction. Attempts to correct behavior through action plans, character contracts, and parent/guardian meetings will be held to instill positive changes. Behavior that disrupts programming, endangers self or others, disrespects property of others, or requires repeated one-to-one attention may result in the camper being suspended and/or expelled from camp.

General Behavior Management Guidelines are listed below:

- Problem behavior addressed by on-site staff.
 - Parents/guardians notified based on seriousness and/or if behavior persists.
- Suspension or temporary removal as deemed necessary by Camp Director.
- Action plans with set timeline created and put into place for camper's continuation in programs.
- Follow-up meetings are set.
 - Based on outcome – decision made regarding continuation or removal from programs



PRE-CARE & POST-CARE

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Pre-Care and Post-Care will be offered. Pre and Post-Care offers a less structured time for campers to enjoy the outdoors and visit with their friends.

Pre-Care begins at 7:00 AM. Parents may drop off their children at the camp office where camp staff will be on duty. All campers must check in upon arrival. Campers will not be checked in before 7:00 AM.

Post-Care is from 4:00 to 5:30 PM Monday through Thursday. Parents may pick up their children any time after 4:00 PM (or earlier if prior arrangements are made with the Camp Director). Additional fees may be charged if campers are not picked up by 5:30 PM.

Post-Care on Friday is from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. Parents must sign out their children at the camp office where camp staff will be on duty.

Non-parents/guardians must be on a pre-written approval list and show a photo ID daily to pick up a child.

RESIDENT CAMP DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

Campers will arrive at camp on Monday between 7:00 and 9:00 AM and depart on Friday between 12:00 and 1:00 PM. Contact camp at [715.818.6010](tel:715.818.6010) with any questions.

Mini Resident pick-up will be Thursday between 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM.



FIELD TRIPS

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Three weeks during the summer, we will offer a field trip to a local destination. During these trips, the campers will be supervised by counselors at a maximum ratio of 15:1. These weeks may have an increased fee to reflect the cost of the field trip and transportation.

TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM FIELD TRIPS

Each vehicle has a Child Safety System that requires drivers and staff to conduct a vehicle sweep to ensure that no child is left on the vehicle upon arrival at the final destination. You will also be asked to sign a Field Trip Consent Form for any week your child is attending that includes a field trip.

Your child will not be able to go on the field trip without the form on file.

