



Welcome to South Mountain YMCA **Teen Adventure Camp 2025**

Summer Camp is around the corner and we are excited for camp to begin. There will be lots of trips, fun theme weeks, and opportunities to building lasting friendships and memories throughout the summer. Please read the information below.

PLAYERSPACE

Our summer camp programs use PlayerSpace, a management system where you'll input essential camper information (emergency contacts, health details, etc.). You should have received an invitation via email to create your account. **This information must be completed before your child's first day at camp.** If you have trouble with PlayerSpace, contact us at playerspace@metroymcas.org. Weekly newsletters will be sent via PlayerSpace as well.

DROP-OFF/PICK-UP PROCEDURES

Teen Adventure is held at **67 Orchard Road, Maplewood**. Please note that traffic may be heavier than usual during drop-off. We recommend allowing extra time to ensure a smooth and stress-free arrival.

Drop-Off Schedule:

- 7:30-8:45 am

Pick-Up Schedule (for campers NOT in aftercare):

- 3:15-3:30pm

Important Notes:

- **Camp hours:** 7:30am-3:30pm. If arriving after 9am, please walk your child to the picnic tables for sign-in.
- If your child walks to camp or signs themselves in/out please contact us for a Sign-In/Sign-Out Waiver or we can give you one on your first day of camp.

- If dropping off or picking up at a non-designated time, call the camp cell phone: 862-400-8982.
- **Rainy Day Location:** The Civic House (Across from 125 Dunnell Road in Maplewood). It is the brick building in Memorial Park.
- **After Care:** After Care is located in Borden Park this year. There is no shuttle to Memorial Park as in previous years. You must walk into the park to sign out your camper when you arrive. After Care closes at 6:30 pm

Drop-Off & Pick-Up Reminders:

- For longer conversations with a coordinator or director, park legally to avoid traffic buildup and parking tickets.
- Be prepared to show identification at pick-up. Staff will verify all authorized pick-ups.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

- **Welcome Center:** (974) 762-4145
Camp Cell Phone: 862-400-8982
- **Camp Director, Ms. Casey Cabrera:** ccabrera@metroymcas.org
- **Program Coordinator:** Nate Goldman
- **Dir. Of Youth Development: Tommy Donaldson:** tdonaldson@metroymcas.org

Pool

We travel to Metcalf Pool at Metcalf Park Orange, NJ. Swim is on Tuesday and Thursday (no swim the first week of camp in June). The facility requires anyone who enters the pool to wear a swim cap. Teen 1 will leave the park for swim at 9:30am. Teen 2 will leave the park for swim at 10am.

Items for Pool Days:

- Swimsuit
- Swim cap (required by pool)
- Towel

- Change of clothes
- Plastic bag for wet items

At Teen Camp we do not provide swim instruction and it is optional to swim based on whether or not your child wants to get in the pool. If your child doesn't wish to swim, they can let us know, and we'll ensure they have an alternative activity.

WEEKLY CAMP THEMES

Each week has a different theme with special events and trips. Keep an eye out for the full calendar soon on our camp page (<https://www.metroymcas.org/south-mountain-ymca/summer-quest-and-teen-adventure-camp/>)

CAMP REMINDERS & HEALTH/SAFETY

- **Medications:** Bring prescribed medications in their original, labeled container. Emergency meds (e.g., inhalers, epi-pens) will be stored with the group's Coordinator.
 - **Sunscreen:** Apply sunscreen before camp, and pack extra for reapplication.
 - **Label Belongings:** Label water bottles, lunch bags, and all personal items.
 - **Lost & Found:** Items not claimed by session end will be discarded, check before leaving!
 - **Nut-Safe:** We are a nut-safe facility. Avoid packing any snacks containing peanuts/tree nuts.
 - **Water Bottles:** Pack a refillable, labeled water bottle.
 - **Footwear:** Sneakers are required daily (no flip-flops, crocs or open-toed shoes).
 - **Prohibited Items:** Leave electronics, toys, and stuffed animals at home. Phones and smartwatches must remain off and are not to be used during camp. If a camper needs to contact a parent, they will ask a staff member.
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Please reach out if you have any questions. We're excited for a fun and safe summer!

Casey Cabrera, ccabrera@metroymcas.org
Camp Director

