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CAMP JORN YMCA

Discover Your Summer Adventure

2027 PROGRAM GUIDE



REGISTRATION OPENS

DECEMBER 2, 2026!

Resident Camp · Day Camp · CJ Sprouts · Family Camp

Small Camp. Big Spirit.



GENERAL INFORMATION

ABOUT CAMP JORN YMCA

Camp Jorn's story began in 1953, when its first campers traveled by bus and train from the YMCA in Waukegan, Illinois to experience the beauty and adventure of Wisconsin's Northwoods. What started as a summer getaway grew into a beloved camp tradition, and in 2007, Camp Jorn became an independent YMCA camp.

For more than 70 years, Camp Jorn YMCA has been a place where friendships are formed, confidence grows, and lifelong memories are made. Nestled on a beautiful peninsula spanning more than 70 acres along Rest Lake, camp offers endless opportunities for adventure, discovery, and connection with nature.

OUR MISSION

Building character, confidence, and community through enriching outdoor experiences.

YMCA CORE VALUES

Campers and staff put our five core values, caring, honesty, respect, responsibility and personal growth, into practice every day.



JOIN OUR TEAM

SCAN TO APPLY

SUMMER CAMP STAFF

Camp Jorn YMCA staff are carefully selected through an application, interview, and background check process. Our staff bring enthusiasm, experience, and a commitment to our core values, serving as positive role models. Together, they create a safe, supportive, and unforgettable camp experience.

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELLNESS

The safety of our campers is our top priority! Camp Jorn YMCA is accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA), demonstrating our commitment to high-quality programs that meet established industry standards. This voluntary accreditation is in addition to state licensing requirements.

Camp Jorn YMCA has volunteer nurses, physicians or both on-site throughout the summer. All staff are certified in First Aid and CPR, and many are also certified lifeguards or have Wilderness First Aid training.

JOIN OUR SUMMER CAMP TEAM!

Make a difference and have the summer of a lifetime! Camp Jorn YMCA is hiring enthusiastic individuals who love working with children and spending time outdoors..

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO LEARN MORE AND APPLY!

LIFE AT CAMP JORN YMCA

Since 1953, **Resident Camp** has offered a fun, safe, and nurturing environment where campers live, learn, and grow together. Campers bunk in small groups of eight to ten with two counselors and participate in instructional classes and cabin activities. Evenings bring campers together for songs, skits, group games, and shared laughter. Each session closes with our traditional Friendship Fire.

Day Camp & CJ Sprouts offer campers a chance to explore, make friends, and enjoy the outdoors each day. Small age-based groups allow for guided activities, opportunities to choose activities, and plenty of adventure, wrapping up each afternoon with creative games and lively group traditions.

Family Camp brings families together for shared experiences and lasting memories. Each day offers a mix of activities for all ages, with evenings spent connecting through music, laughter, and classic camp fun—ending with a meaningful Friendship Fire to close out the week.



GOALS

At Camp Jorn YMCA, we help campers grow in confidence and character through meaningful experiences that help them build skills and relationships for life.

HEALTHY LIVING

Campers develop healthy habits through physical activity, nutritious meals, relaxation, personal reflection, and positive social interactions woven throughout the camp experience.

OUTDOOR SKILLS & STEWARDSHIP

Through camping trips, nature activities, and wilderness skills, campers build confidence, connect with nature, and learn the importance of protecting our environment.

CHARACTER & RELATIONSHIPS

Campers practice caring, honesty, respect, responsibility and personal growth in daily camp life. With staff guidance, they learn to navigate challenges, build healthy relationships, and contribute to their camp community.

SERVICE

Camp Jorn fosters a safe, connected community where everyone can thrive. Through service and giving back, campers and staff learn the importance of helping others and making a positive impact.

RESIDENT CAMP

ACTIVITES

Campers build skills at their own pace, take on new challenges, and grow in confidence each summer.



ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Archery
- Arts & Crafts
- Swimming
- Canoeing & Kayaking
- Sailing
- Biking
- Air Riflery
- Waterskiing
- Fishing
- Team Sports
- Gaga Ball
- Music
- Drama

AND SO MUCH MORE!

RESIDENT CAMP TRANSPORTATION

Camp Jorn offers optional transportation to and from camp with convenient pickup and drop-off locations.



BUS FEES

$250
ROUND TRIP
$125
ONE WAY

STOPS

Gurnee, IL
Kenosha, WI
DeForest, WI

Visit www.campjornymca.org for transportation details.

RESIDENT CAMP

DISCOVERY CAMP



Discovery Camp offers a week of outdoor adventure, new friendships, and classic Camp Jorn fun. Campers choose three instructional classes each week and enjoy cabin activities such as sailing, biking, archery, crafts, and sports. Evenings bring everyone together for campfires, group games, and all-camp activities. Each cabin also enjoys a cookout or overnight adventure at camp or nearby on the Chain of Lakes.

DATES · AGES · RATE

- June 20-June 25 | 8-14 | $1,000
- June 27-July 2 | 8-14 | $1,000
- July 25-30 | 8-11 | $1,000
- August 8-13| 8-14 | $1,000

EXPLORER CAMP



Explorer Camp combines two weeks of favorite Camp Jorn activities with a special weekend program and a two- to four-day hiking or canoeing adventure in the Northwoods. This tech-free experience helps campers build outdoor skills, strengthen friendships, gain confidence, and connect with nature.

DATES · AGES · RATE

- July 11-23 | 10-14 | $1,800
- July 25-August 6 | 10-14 | $1,800

RESIDENT CAMP

TEVA



TEVA, Teamwork, Education, Values, and Adventure. is a co-ed leadership program for young teens, focusing on Teamwork, Education, Values, and Adventure. Participants join the regular camp schedule while taking part in leadership activities and opportunities for personal growth. Living in Yurt Village, campers form strong connections and put their skills to the test on a four day canoe trip and the traditional TEVA Challenge that brings campers together in four color teams for friendly competitions and camp spirit!

DATES · AGES · RATE

June 20-July 2 | 13-14 | $2,000

July 11-23 | 13-14 | $2,000

July 25-August 6 | 13-14 | $2,000

LEADERS-IN-TRAINING (LIT)



Camp Jorn's LIT program helps campers strengthen teamwork, confidence, and leadership skills through hands-on activities, group discussions, and service projects. Participants live in platform tents, balance favorite camp activities with leadership development and service., and take part in an adventurous four to five day wilderness canoe trip. The LITs learn to lead other campers in a positive way.

DATES · AGES · RATE

July 11-23 | 15-16 | $2,000

July 25-August 6 | 15-16 | $2,000

RESIDENT CAMP

COUNSELORS-IN-TRAINING (CIT)

The Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program prepares teens to become future camp counselors through hands-on leadership development, problem-solving, and teamwork. CITs gain valuable experience by shadowing counselors, participating in CIT-specific activities, and embarking on a wilderness adventure. Participants in three-week sessions participate in a six-day wilderness trip, while participants in two-week sessions enjoy a shorter wilderness experience.



DATES · AGES · RATE

June 20-July 9 | 16-17 | $2,500

July 11-23 | 16-17 | $2,000

July 25-August 13 | 16-17 | $2,500

APPLICATION & ACCEPTANCE

Admission to the CIT program is competitive and requires an application, two references, and a brief interview. Registration opens December 2, 2026, and closes on January 15, 2027. Applicants will initially be placed on a waitlist while applications are reviewed. Interviews will take place from January 30-February 1, 2027. Accepted applicants will be notified by February 16, 2027. No deposit will be charged unless the applicant is accepted into the program.



RESIDENT CAMP SPECIALTY SESSIONS

OUTPOST



Camp Jorn's Outpost program challenges campers to step outside their comfort zones through exciting wilderness adventures. Campers build confidence, teamwork, and outdoor skills before embarking on a three-night camping trip featuring whitewater rafting on the Menominee River, rock climbing, and zip lining!

Four sessions to choose from! Choose from three one-week sessions or our **new two-week session**, July 11–23. The two-week experience combines the same three-night adventure trip with an additional week of favorite Camp Jorn activities, friendships, and summer fun.

DATES · AGES · RATE

- June 20-25 | 12-15 | $1,400
- June 27-July 2 | 12-15 | $1,400
- July 11-23 | 12-15 | $2,300 NEW
- August 8-13 | 12-15 | $1,400

PATHFINDERS



Campers spend two nights at Camp Jorn before heading out on a four-day, three-night backpacking adventure in Michigan's beautiful Porcupine Mountains! Along the way, they'll develop wilderness skills, build confidence and independence, strengthen friendships, and experience the breathtaking scenery of the Upper Peninsula. This tech-free adventure fosters teamwork, resilience, and a lasting appreciation for the outdoors.

DATES · AGES · RATE

- August 8-13 | 12-15 | $1,000

RESIDENT CAMP SPECIALTY SESSIONS

MOUNTAIN BIKING SPECIALTY



Campers will build mountain biking skills and confidence through hands-on instruction, bike maintenance, skills courses, and trail rides. Trips to nearby WinMan Trails give campers opportunities to put their growing skills into practice Afternoons feature traditional camp activities and free time. Campers may bring their own bike and helmet or arrange for rentals in advance. Families are responsible for transporting personal bikes to and from camp.

DATES · AGES · RATE

August 8-13 | 10-12 | $1,100

SAILING SPECIALTY



Ahoy, sailors! Campers of all skill levels will enjoy extended sailing instruction and practice aboard Camp Jorn's Sunfish sailboats on beautiful Rest Lake. The session also includes a two-night camping trip to the Apostle Islands on which specialty campers will be led by Lake Superior Tall Ships aboard a schooner for an experiential voyage grounded in traditional seamanship.

DATES · AGES · RATE

July 25-August 6 | 12-15 | $2,300

RESIDENT CAMP SPECIALTY SESSIONS

FISHING SPECIALTY



Fishing Specialty Camp participants will explore Rest Lake while fishing for pike, crappie, and walleye. Campers of all experience levels will develop their skills and enjoy a two-night camping trip to the Apostle Islands, including a fishing charter with Superior Sport Fishing! Afternoons and evenings also include favorite Camp Jorn activities!

DATES · AGES · RATE

July 25-August 6 | 12-15 | $2,300

WATERSKI SPECIALTY



Get ready for sunny days on Rest Lake! Waterski Specialty Camp offers adventurous campers extended time on the water to build skills in slalom skiing, trick skiing, wakeboarding and barefooting, with instruction matched to each camper's experience and ability. Campers will also have the opportunity to practice and participate in shows with the Manitowish Waters Skiing Skeeters!

DATES · AGES · RATE

July 11-23 | 12-15 | $2,300

DAY CAMP

AGES 7-12 | MON-FRI 7:30 AM-5:30 PM



The Camp Jorn Day Camp program provides a welcoming environment where campers enjoy themed weeks filled with swimming, kayaking, archery, sports, crafts, group games, outdoor adventures, and more!

SESSIONS

- **June 21-25, 2027**
- **June 28-July 2, 2027**
- **July 5-9, 2027**
- **July 12-16, 2027**
- **July 19-23, 2027**
- **July 26-30, 2027**
- **August 2-6, 2027**
- **August 9-13, 2027**
- **August 16-20, 2027**



RATE

$280

PER CAMPER/PER WEEK

SHUTTLE

$55

PER CAMPER/PER WEEK

OVERNIGHT

$65

PER CAMPER/AGES 8+

OVERNIGHT ADVENTURE

Extend the fun with an optional overnight stay every Thursday during Day Camp! Campers enjoy evening activities, time with friends, and the excitement of spending a night at camp!

SPECIALTY DAY CAMPS

Take your summer to the next level! Camp Jorn YMCA's Specialty Day Camps offer week-long, activity-focused experiences where campers can explore their interests, develop new skills, and enjoy everything they love about camp!

SPECIALTY CAMP	DATES	AGES	RATE
Fishing	June 21-25	10-12	$375
Waterski	July 5-9 August 16-20	10-12	$425
Basketball	July 19-23	9-12	$350
Soccer	July 26-30	7-10	$350
Arts & Crafts	August 2-6	7-10	$350
Sailing	August 2-6	9-12	$350
Northwoods Naturalist	August 16-20	7-10	$300



CJ SPROUTS

AGES 5-6 | MON-FRI 7:30 AM-5:30 PM



CJ Sprouts is a fun and engaging day camp program designed especially for our youngest campers. In a caring, age-appropriate environment, campers build confidence, make new friends, and explore the outdoors through swimming, arts and crafts, nature activities, games, and more!



SESSIONS

- **June 21-25, 2027**
- **June 28-July 2, 2027**
- **July 5-9, 2027**
- **July 12-16, 2027**
- **July 19-23, 2027**
- **July 26-30, 2027**
- **August 2-6, 2027**
- **August 9-13, 2027**
- **August 16-20, 2027**



RATE

$305

PER CAMPER/PER WEEK

SHUTTLE

$55

PER CAMPER/PER WEEK

FAMILY CAMP



Escape to the Northwoods and reconnect at Camp Jorn YMCA! Family Camp offers the perfect opportunity to unplug, explore, and create lasting memories together. From swimming and kayaking on Rest Lake to evenings around the campfire, enjoy new adventures and family traditions at your own pace.



SESSIONS

SESSION 1: JULY 3–9

SESSION 2: AUGUST 14–20

FAMILY CAMP HIGHLIGHTS
Waterfront Adventures: Swimming, canoeing, kayaking, sailing, and waterskiing.
Camp Activities: Archery, air riflery, arts & crafts, and nature exploration.
Family Fun & Traditions: Campfires, games, evening programs, and shared experiences.
Your Vacation, Your Way: A flexible schedule with time to explore, participate, or simply relax.
Lodging & Meals: Choose from a variety of accommodations, with meals and most activities included.



TRADING POST | MEALS | ELECTRONICS

CAMP TRADING POST

Campers can purchase camp gear, apparel, snacks, and other camp favorites at the Trading Post.

SPENDING GUIDELINES:

We recommend $40–$60 per week.



MEALS

Nutritious, kid-friendly meals are served family-style in our dining hall.

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

Dietary accommodations are available with advance notice.



ELECTRONICS POLICY

Camp Jorn is a tech-free environment where campers can unplug and enjoy camp to the fullest. Cell phones, tablets, smartwatches, and other personal electronics are not permitted for Resident Camp, Day Camp and CJ Sprouts.



SUMMER REGISTRATION

WWW.CAMPJORNYMCA.ORG | QUESTIONS? CALL 715-543-8808 EXT 0201

HOW TO REGISTER

Registration for all Camp Jorn YMCA summer programs is available online. Complete your online application and submit the required deposit to secure your camper's spot. Additional forms must be completed before attending camp.

SCHOLARSHIPS

At Camp Jorn, we believe every child deserves the opportunity to experience camp. Financial assistance is available to help make camp accessible to families of all income levels. Visit our website for scholarship information and application details.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Families can participate in fundraising programs, such as Meadow Farms and Flower Power, to help offset camp costs. Funds earned through these programs are credited toward your camper’s balance

TRANSPORTATION

Optional transportation is available for Day Camp, CJ Sprouts, and Resident Camp at designated locations for an additional fee. Families may also drop off and pick up campers directly at Camp Jorn.

REQUIRED FORMS

Additional forms must be completed annually through your CampInTouch account after registration. All required forms must be submitted before your camper attends camp.

JOIN US FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE SUMMER!






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