

# Y **CAMP WILLSON**

*Building Memories that Last a Lifetime!*



## **2006 RESIDENT CAMP**

*Traditional Camp, Horses, High Ropes, Garage Band, Water Trampoline, Drama Camp, Trips, and much more!*

Y **YMCA of Central Ohio**

Online registration available at [www.ymcawillson.org](http://www.ymcawillson.org).



# DEAR PARENTS,

**W**e're looking forward to welcoming your family to the Willson family! Our year-round directors and staff are planning some great programs to allow each child to experience a powerful, positive, and life-changing adventure. Campers will make new friends, become more self-confident, and learn new skills through intentional programming with a values-centered focus, under the leadership of caring adults. They'll love their overnight experience in our brand new summer cabins and remodeled showerhouse.



With an emphasis on the YMCA core values of **Honesty, Caring, Respect, and Responsibility**, campers will have opportunities to “stretch their wings,” practice the values they have learned at home, and most importantly—**be a kid!**

*Anne Brienza*

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Executive Director  
YMCA Camp Willson



## Camp Willson



### Parent Open Houses

Please join us at Camp Willson to meet our staff and to hear more about our summer programs. Staff and camp directors will be available to answer questions and provide tours of the facility. An appointment is not necessary for scheduled open houses. Directions to Camp Willson are available at [www.ymcawillson.org](http://www.ymcawillson.org).

### Tours

Sunday, April 2, 2006 2:00–4:00 pm  
Sunday, April 30, 2006 2:00–4:00 pm  
Sunday, May 21, 2006 2:00–4:00 pm

or if these times are inconvenient for you, please give us a call at 1-800-423-0427 to schedule an appointment.

### Willson Family Day

Saturday, April 29, 2006  
1:00–4:00 pm

Bring the family and enjoy camp before the summer. As a family, you can participate in canoeing and target sports, climb the wall, take a hike, and enjoy a great family day! Directors will also be present to answer questions about summer camp.

### The YMCA's Mission

To serve the whole community through programs expressing Judeo-Christian principles that build a healthy spirit, mind, and body.

# WHY CHOOSE CAMP WILLSON?

- Character building, quality programs since 1918...serving kids of all ages the YMCA way for 88 years!
- Location, location, location — just one hour northwest of Columbus.
- Accredited by both the American Camp Association and the Certified Horsemanship Association.
- One and two week programs with free stay-over weekends between sessions.
- Overnights with S'mores, pie iron pizzas, and tinfoil dinners around the campfire!
- Specialty Camps: the chance to focus on targeted activities and still enjoy lots of camp fun!
- Round-the-clock supervision means security for your child's time away from home.
- Lots of great activities for teens!
- That beautiful lake.
- High Ropes Adventure Course, the Giant Swing, and the Water Trampoline!
- We love kids!

## SOME THINGS PARENTS WANT TO KNOW:

- Safety is our #1 priority!
- One to two caring, cool, responsible, fun counselors live in each cabin group with up to 8 campers, providing 24 hour supervision.
- Our staff health supervisor lives on-site and provides for the health care needs of all campers.
- Our camp fosters an environment of unconditional acceptance.
- Campers are assigned to cabins by age. Cabinmate requests must be within one year of age of each other.
- Camps begin each Sunday between 3:00 and 4:30 pm and end each Saturday between 9:30 and 10:30 am.





# TRADITIONAL CAMP (Ages 7-12)

Traditional campers enjoy the best of summer activities with swimming, boating, archery, campfires, good food, singing, sports, nature, camp-outs, and much more! Campers will choose, explore, and develop skills from a variety of different activities within our adventure areas: Sports and Fitness, Aquatics, Outdoor Living Skills, and Creative Arts. Special attention on the YMCA core values of Honesty, Caring, Respect, and Responsibility is emphasized for staff and campers.

**A four (4) night Mini Session will be offered Session 3, beginning on Tuesday afternoon through Saturday morning.**

**Limited horseback riding lessons are also available.** See page 5 for additional information.

## Friday is Cabin Day!

Campers and their counselors make their last day together special by planning individual cabin adventures!



## Daily Schedule

7:00 am	Polar Bear Swim (optional)
8:00 am	Flag Ceremony
8:15 am	Breakfast, songs
9:00 am	All camp clean-up
9:20 am	Non-denominational Chapel
9:45 am	Adventure Area 1
10:45 am	Adventure Area 2
11:45 am	Prepare for lunch
Noon	Lunch, songs
1:00 pm	Rest hour
2:00 pm	Adventure Area 3
3:00 pm	Adventure Area 4
4:00 pm	Snack Time
4:30 pm	All-camp swim
5:30 pm	Prepare for dinner
5:45 pm	Flag Ceremony
6:00 pm	Dinner, songs
7:00 pm	Evening programs
9:00 pm	Showers & prepare for bed
9:45 pm	Cabin chats, lights out

## FIRST TIMER'S CAMP (Ages 7-9)

Not sure if you are ready for a full week of camp fun? Boys and girls ages 7-9 can try a half-week experience during Session 1. Choose Session 1A (Sunday afternoon – Wednesday morning) or Session 1B (Wednesday afternoon – Saturday morning.)

Horseback riding lessons are not available to First Timers. In addition to the half week session—a full week camp program is also available during Session 1.

## Free Stayover Weekends

Campers who register for consecutive weeks have the opportunity to stay from one week to the next at no additional charge. Mark your registration card if you wish to have this free stay-over. Not available between Session 2&3.

# HORSEBACK RIDING



## ***Rostofer Ranch (Ages 12-15)***

Ever dream of having your own horse? Ranch campers are responsible for the care, feeding, and grooming of the horse they ride. Trail rides, arena lessons, games on horse back, and sunsets overlooking the pasture are all part of the program. Ride to remote parts of camp and enjoy a meal cooked over the fire that you helped prepare. Other activities can include the water trampoline, crafts, Giant Swing, and more. Show off your horse and everything you've learned during the parent show on Saturday morning. The Ranch program is for teens of all skill levels, but is best suited for those with previous riding experience.

## ***Junior Wrangler (Ages 9-12)***

Tailored for the younger horse lover, Junior Wranglers spend two hours each day grooming, saddling, and caring for their horse; learning proper riding technique; and enjoying time on trail rides. The rest of the day is spent in traditional camp fun. Junior Wrangler is best suited for those with previous horseback riding experience and is offered Sessions 1-8.

## ***Horseback Riding Lessons (Ages 8-12)***

Saddle up and learn the basics of western horseback riding! We recommend this series of five one-hour sessions for those who are new to horses. Beginning riders will become familiar with the horse, general horse care, and participate in arena lessons and a trail ride. Lessons are available Sessions 1-8.

**Traditional and Arts campers only please.**

**Cost—\$50/week      Week 3—\$30/week**

## ***Trail Rides (Ages 7-14)***

Campers in any program may sign up daily on a first-come, first-served basis for a one-hour recreational trail ride (usually one or two trail rides per week). Campers pay a fee of \$10/ride out of their camp store account.

***YMCA Camp Willson is an accredited site of the Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA).***

***Helmets are required and provided for the safety of all riders.***



# SPECIALTY CAMPS

*Specialty Camps are designed to allow campers to focus on the development of a specific skill or interest.*

## **Arts Camp (Ages 9-13)**

A perfect choice for those who love to express themselves with their hands. Campers will spend the morning creating projects using various media such as clay, wood, leather, and more. There will also be lots of time for participation in traditional camp activities like swimming, sports, and outdoor fun!

## **Fishing Camp (Ages 10-14 & 14-16)**

A little basic know-how can add a lot more fish to your frying pan! Spend the week on Lake Mac-O-Chee and discover new techniques of casting, choosing the right bait, and boating safety. Compete in the bluegill, crappie, and bass tournaments, as well as Angler of the Week. Participants will need to bring rod, reel, and tackle.

**A camp exclusively for 14-16 year olds will be held Session 6.**

## **Sports Camp (Ages 11-13 & 13-15)**

Just the camp for the sports enthusiast! Join your teammates in basketball, tennis, soccer, volleyball, softball, target and water sports, bowling, and climbing wall. Because you plan the daily schedule with your counselors, there is plenty of time to make sure you get the most out of your week!

**A camp exclusively for 13-15 year olds will be held Session 4.**

## **Drama Camp (Ages 10-14)**

Lights, Camera, Action! Spend the week developing and refining your acting skills through skits, plays, and interactive games. Design sets, props, and costumes. The week will culminate on Saturday morning with a performance of your plays for your parents. In addition to drama activities, there will be time for traditional camp activities.



# TEEN OPPORTUNITIES

## **Trailblazers (Ages 12-14)**

Staying in our winterized cabins, Trailblazers and their counselors plan a challenging week of activities. Choices include boating, sailing, group initiatives, target sports, Giant Swing, across the lake adventures, outdoor survival skills, and many other opportunities.

## **Teen Camp (Ages 12-15)**

Teen Camp combines the conveniences of living at main camp with a wider choice of program activities. Teens work with their counselors to design a week that can include sports, the ropes course, waterfront activities, and more. Teens can also choose between a bowling night or a day canoeing down the Mad River.

## **Adventurers at Frontier (Ages 12-15)**

Living at the Frontier Campsite, campers plan their day and week in this program full of skill and challenge. Participants will cook their own meals and participate in team building activities like the climbing wall, high ropes course, various sports, and a one day canoe trip. There is also lots of time to spare for participation in traditional camp fun.

## **Frontier (Ages 12-15)**

The ultimate two-week camping experience! Frontier teens work together at Willson's outpost site, building skills, and self-esteem through adventure. Campers cook their own meals and plan their own special activities like Capture the Flag, high ropes, canoe games, group team building activities, and special evenings with other teens in camp. A three day trip, featuring canoeing, rock climbing, and tent camping, highlights the experience.

## **Garage Band (Ages 14-17)**

Musicians! Bring your garage band instruments (guitars, basses, amps, drums, etc.) and join us for a creative week where improv rules. Learn new skills and perfect techniques with our artist-in-residence and your peers. Must have prior musical knowledge, along with your own instrument.



## **Leaders-In-Training (LIT) (Ages 14-16)**

Leaders-In-Training is an introductory leadership program. LIT's participate in activities to develop leadership skills, create and lead some camp programs during the week, participate in a service project, and enjoy hands-on activities designed specifically for LIT's.

## **Counselors-In-Training (CIT) (Ages 16-17)**

This one week program gives young adults the opportunity to place the needs of others before their own, share what they have learned, and be a role model for younger campers. Staff lead CIT's through sessions in more advanced leadership, human relations, teaching techniques, and working with campers. An application and interview must be completed before being accepted into this program. A flexible schedule of volunteer counselor opportunities is available throughout the summer for those who successfully complete the program.

## **Pennsylvania Adventure (Ages 14-17)**

What a great trip! We'll head to the Ohio/Pa., PA area for a week of white water rafting on the Youghiogheny River, caving in Laurel Caverns, and rock climbing, while camping and enjoying the great outdoors!

## **Rides and Thrills Trip (Ages 14-17)**

Raise your adrenaline on this fast-paced week of fun and amusement! During the week, we'll spend our time at Avon's Good Times Amusement (arcade) Park, Geauga Lake, Soak City Water Park, and Cedar Point Amusement Park. Our evenings will be spent at various campgrounds.



# CENTRAL OHIO DAY CAMPS & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- For children entering grades 1–6, Day & Sports Camps are offered 10 different weeks and located at 17 different locations throughout Columbus.
- Summer Teen Extreme...ten full weeks of EXTREME fun designed specifically for teens—entering grades 7-9! Call (614) 224-1142 for our special Teen Extreme program guide.
- Convenient pick-up and drop-off locations will help busy parents/guardians stay on schedule!
- Come for one week or stay for the entire summer. Our schedule is flexible to accommodate your needs.
- Each week has a different theme! From Safari Adventure to That's Entertainment to Ooey Gooye and Slimey Too, and sports camp themes like Street Hockey, Tae Kwon Do, and Baseball — there's something for everyone at a YMCA Day Camp!
- Licensed Before and After Camp Care Programs are available for full-time working families.
- Check out our Specialty Camps! Fantastic excitement awaits with our camps for cheerleading, drama, SCUBA, WILDerness Quest, and more!
- Summer sports clinics and camps are available at the Grove City, Pickaway County, Garver, North, Liberty, Gahanna, Hilltop and Hilliard locations.

Please call one of the locations listed below to request a full program listing and registration information for a YMCA Day Camp.

Eldon W. Ward Branch (east)	(614) 252-3166
Gahanna	(614) 416-9622
Grove City (southwest)	(614) 871-9622
Hilliard/Ray Patch	(614) 334-9622
Hilltop (west)	(614) 276-8224
Hoover Y-Park (south)	(614) 491-0980
Jerry L. Garver Branch (southeast)	(614) 834-9622
Liberty Twp./Powell (north)	(614) 839-9622
	(740) 881-1058
North Branch (north)	(614) 885-4252
Pickaway County	(740) 477-1661
General information	(614) 224-9622

Also, be sure to visit our web site at [www.ymcacolumbus.org](http://www.ymcacolumbus.org) for program details.





# METROPOLITAN FAMILY MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE

YMCA of Central Ohio Metropolitan family members (Annual fee of \$722), **can deduct \$100** from the total fee for one camp, for one child, on your membership. Membership must be active at time of attendance. Membership incentive is not available for Session 3 (July 4-8) or the First Timer's Camps. Your YMCA membership number and branch location must be listed on the camp application.

## REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Willson or YMCA Program membership is required for participation in YMCA camp programs. A program membership is available for \$20/individual or \$35/family.

We require a \$75 *non-refundable* registration fee, for each week with your registration. This fee is part of the total payment for the session and not an additional charge.

No camper will be registered until we have received the registration fee and applicable membership fees. Applications will be processed in order of receipt.

**Online registration available at [www.ymcawillson.org](http://www.ymcawillson.org).**

*Financial assistance is available when needed. Completed financial assistance applications will be accepted until June 1.* The application and instructions are available on the website or by mail from the camp office.

## REGISTRATION CHECK LIST

- Complete registration form  
(1 per person) Additional registration forms are available on the website.
- Do you have a cabinmate request? Requests must be for the same age or within 1 year.
- A maximum of 3 cabinmates may be housed together.
- Membership fee, if applicable.
- \$75 deposit per week, per child.
- Checks, money orders, and all major credit cards accepted.  
Make checks payable to "YMCA". Multiple payments are accepted.

**Balance of fees are due no later than two weeks before the beginning of the date of attendance. Mark your calendar as a reminder!**

**Upon receipt of the information above, a confirmation packet, which includes a health history, clothing and equipment list, and other vital information will be sent to you by either email or by post. This packet is also available on our website.**

# FEES

## 2006 Sessions & Dates

1	June 18-24
1A	June 18-21 (First Timer's)
1B	June 21-24 (First Timer's)
2	June 25-July 1
3	July 4-8 (mini)*
4	July 9-15
5	July 16-22
6	July 23-29
7	July 30-August 5
8	August 6-12

## Traditional Camp

Boys & Girls Ages 7-12

6 Nights (Except Session 3)

1	\$395
1A (1st Timer's)	\$203
1B (1st Timer's)	\$203
2	\$395
3*	\$265
4	\$395
5	\$395
6	\$395
7	\$395
8	\$395

## Rostofer Ranch

Boys & Girls Ages 12-15

6 Nights (Except Session 3)

1	\$510
2	\$510
3*	\$340
4	\$510
5	\$510
6	\$510
7	\$510
8	\$510

## Trailblazers

Boys & Girls Ages 12-14

6 Nights

1	\$410
2	\$410
4	\$410
5	\$410
6	\$410
7	\$410

## Teen Camp

Boys & Girls Ages 12-15

4 & 6 Nights

3*	\$273
8	\$410

## \* Mini Session

Looking for a shorter week?

Join us Session 3, July 4-8, for a four-night, Tuesday afternoon – Saturday morning camp experience!

## Adventurers at Frontier

Boys & Girls Ages 12-15

6 Nights

4	\$410
7	\$410
8	\$410

## Frontier

Boys & Girls Ages 12-15

13 Nights

1	\$830
5	\$830

## Teen Trips

Boys & Girls Ages 14-17

6 Nights

5 PA Adventure	\$575
7 Rides & Thrills	\$575

## Teen Leadership Programs

Boys & Girls Ages Vary

6 Nights

1 Counselors-In-Training	\$420
2 Leaders-In-Training	\$415
4 Counselors-In-Training	\$420
6 Leaders-In-Training	\$415

## Specialty Camps

Boys & Girls Ages Vary

6 Nights

1 Sports Camp	\$410
2 Fishing Camp	\$415
2 Arts Camp	\$410
4 Fishing Camp	\$415
4 Drama Camp	\$410
4 Sports Camp (Ages 13-15)	\$410
5 Garage Band	\$445
5 Arts Camp	\$410
6 Fishing Camp (Ages 14-16)	\$415
7 Sports Camp	\$410
7 Drama Camp	\$410
8 Fishing Camp	\$415
8 Arts Camp	\$410
1-8 Jr. Wrangler	\$485 Wk 3 \$323





**Camper's Name**

Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Gender Boy Girl

Age (at camp) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate / / \_\_\_\_\_ Grade 2006-07 \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell( ) \_\_\_\_\_

YMCA Membership at which branch/YMCA? \_\_\_\_\_ Metro Family Member? Y N

Previous Camper? (circle one) Y N \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, when 2005 2004 2003 2002 2001

**Cabinmate**

(Max 2, not guaranteed)

**1st year campers:**

Were you referred by a camper? Y N \_\_\_\_\_ If yes who? \_\_\_\_\_

**Sessions** — Please circle all that apply

Traditional Camp	1	1A	1B	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Horseback Lessons	1			2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Junior Wrangler	1			2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Rostofer Ranch	1			2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Trailblazers	1			2		4	5	6	7	
Arts Camp				2			5			8
Drama Camp						4			7	
Fishing Camp				2		4		6		8
Sports Camp	1					4			7	
Garage Band, Instrument:							5			
Teen Camp					3					8
Frontier	1						5			
Adventurers at Frontier						4			7	8
Leaders-In-Training					2				6	
CIT (Requires Application)	1						4			
Teen Trips							5		7	
Stayover Weekend	1-2	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8				

Enter only amounts you wish to pay at this time.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ week(s) x \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(minimum of \$75 required)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Willson Membership Fee (check one)

- \$20 - Individual
- \$35 - Family
- Already a member at \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation to "Kids to Camp" Scholarship Fund

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total**

Please check the method of payment

- Check/Money Order
- MasterCard
- Visa
- American Express
- Discover

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. MM / YY \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date MM / DD / YY \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me additional information about full facility YMCA membership.

**For Office Use Only**

Fee	N/M	HBR	Total
Date	Paid	Due	Check

Store	/	/	/	/
Breakfast	/	/	/	/
Photo	/	/	/	/
Sent				

**Parent Agreement**

I have studied the fees and sessions and understand the contents. This application is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. *Enclosed is a \$75.00 non-refundable registration fee for each week* (this is part of the total fee, not an addition). I am also enclosing the program membership fee if not currently a YMCA member. I agree to pay the balance of the fee at least two weeks before the camp session begins, knowing that *failure to do so will result in a \$5.00 late fee.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date MM / DD / YY \_\_\_\_\_

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