



PD, March Break and Holiday Camp 2026-2027 Frequently Asked Questions

REGISTRATION

When does registration open?

Registration opens on Monday, August 24th, 2026. Online registration opens at 9:00AM, and in person and phone registration opens at 12:00PM at the John W Lindsay YMCA.

Please see below registration options for August 24th:

- By Phone: (902) 423-9622 X 0 for the John W Lindsay Front Desk
- By Email: day.camps@halifax.ymca.ca
- In person: John W. Lindsay YMCA (5640 Sackville St. Halifax)

How do I register for camp?

- Online: Via your ActiveNet portal (ymcahfx.ca - click on account on top right)
- In person: YMCA John W. Lindsay Membership Desk during Operational Hours
- By phone: YMCA John W. Lindsay Membership Desk: 902-423-9622 ext 0

The following are the dates for PD Day Camps:

- HRCE September 25th
- CSAP & HRCE September 30th
- CSAP October 22nd
- HRCE October 23rd

- CSAP & HRCE November 20th
- CSAP & HRCE December 4th
- HRCE December 21st
- CSAP January 29th
- HRCE March 5th
- CSAP April 5th
- CSAP April 16th
- HRCE April 30th
- CSAP May 21st
- CSAP & HRCE June 29th

Holiday Camp Dates:

- December 22nd
- December 23rd
- December 28th
- December 29th
- December 30th
- December 31st

March Break Camp: March 8-12, 2026.

What do I need for registration?

The following documents are required for your child's enrollment in the YMCA Day Camps:

- MSI number
- Allergies and/or sensitivities
- Medical conditions
- Medication taken by your child on a regular schedule
- Emergency contact information and authorized pick-up list

I am having trouble registering my child online. What should I do?

For help with registration, call the front desk at the John W. Lindsay YMCA: 902-423-9622 ext 0, or email day.camps@halifax.ymca.ca

Fees, Discounts and Financial Assistance

What does it cost to attend camp?

- PD and Holiday Camps are \$30 per day.
- March Break Camp is \$235 for YMCA Members, and \$265 for non members.

What discounts are available for camp fees?

- We offer a discount for YMCA Members for March Break Camp. To be eligible for this discount, you must be a member at the time of registration and maintain your membership throughout your child's camp session. If you cancel your membership before the end of your camp session, you may be asked to pay the difference in camp fees.
- If you register multiple children, we offer a 10% sibling discount for each child after the first one for March Break Camp.

I would like to pay for camp on a payment plan.

- If you would like to discuss alternative payment plans, please contact day.camps@halifax.ymca.ca.

I no longer wish to have my child attend camp. How can I receive a refund?

- To be considered for a refund, please provide 14 days written or emailed notice to camp management before your child's desired withdrawal date at day.camps@halifax.ymca.ca

- If your child is dismissed from camp by the YMCA due to behaviours that are inconsistent with YMCA Core Values, no refund will be issued.
- Refunds will not be provided for program cancellations due to inclement weather or illness.

I would like to apply for Financial Assistance for March Break Camp.

Our goal at the YMCA is to serve as many children as possible, ensuring every child has the opportunity to attend camp regardless of their financial situation.

- To apply for financial assistance, please send an email to day.camp@halifax.ymca.ca
- You can expect YMCA staff to contact you shortly thereafter to begin the financial assistance process.

Camp Life

What is the age range for YMCA Day Camp?

- Campers must be between the ages of 5-12 years old.

What are the hours?

- Camp drop off starts at 8:30 am every day.
- Scheduled daily adventures are from 9:30 am - 4:30pm
- The YMCA has a firm pick up time of 5:30pm. Late pickups will be subject to a \$50 fee to compensate staff.

***The YMCA understands unforeseen circumstances may arise and we will provide a one-time exception.**

What should my child bring to camp?

Campers must bring the following items:

- Lunch and snacks (food and beverage are not provided by the YMCA; please ensure your child has enough food to fuel them for the entire day)
- Water Bottle
- Hat (Weather appropriate)
- Sunscreen
- One set of additional clothing
- Weather appropriate clothing (mittens and rain boots if necessary)
- Swimsuit and towel

*See the Family handbook for a more detailed packing list.

What if I want to pick up my child early, drop them off late, or have them miss a day of camp?

- No problem! We just ask that you communicate changes like this to your child's camp counsellor. We will also provide schedules for each Camp, so that you will know where to meet us if Camp is not on site for late drop off and early pick up.

What does a typical day at camp look like?

- Our camps aim to provide a space for children to play, grow, and be a part of a community. A typical day strikes a balance between self guided play and staff led programs, and features lots of high energy play.
- Common activities include large group games, visits to local parks and playgrounds, sports, and swimming.

For additional inquiries, please email:

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