

# SUMMER 2012



“Dear Mom & Dad,  
The Best Camp Ever!”

# CAMP WOODSTOCK

## THE FRIENDSHIP CAMP

**Building character and friendships since 1922**

- One, two and four-week Summer Overnight sessions for boys and girls ages 7-14
- Four-week Leader-In-Training program for boys and girls 15 years of age
- One-week Teen Adventure trips for boys and girls ages 14-16



Camp Woodstock  
YMCA

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A close-up photograph of four young girls huddled together, smiling warmly at the camera. They are wearing colorful t-shirts, and the scene is brightly lit, suggesting an outdoor setting. The text 'Get Outside...' is overlaid on the top left of the image.

Get Outside...

and Get Connected!

Do something  
special this summer  
**BE A WOODSTOCKER!**

Bring a friend and  
make a dozen more.  
You'll have more fun  
than you can imagine.

99% of our campers said they  
made a new friend at camp.



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Dear Parents,

You would not be reading this letter if you weren't concerned about knowing if camp, and specifically Camp Woodstock, was a good fit for your child. We wouldn't be writing it if we didn't think that your concerns were important.

### WHY CAMP.....

The retreat indoors of many children, according to the Public Health Association, may have significant repercussions. Their concerns were expressed by a recent cartoon that pictured two children playing a video game on a television screen that displayed a trail winding through a forest. The caption read, "Wow, this is almost as good as actually being outside."

Hundreds of studies have chronicled the alarming rise of childhood obesity, Attention Deficit Disorder, and the loss of social competencies to texting, tweeting, and gaming. As I write this sentence, children now spend on average seven hours a day wired to a screen!

### WHY WOODSTOCK.....

Like all great camps, we have a beautiful facility, enriched by exceptional counselors, where all the pines and people are real. Our games, activities, and adventures are wireless. What sets us apart is our culture.

We connect our campers to themselves and to each other by living our "CHoRR" values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility. Friendships happen here. So, if Woodstock sounds right for your child, all you need to do is register. We will take it from there.

Sincerely,

Tony Gronski  
Executive Director





# Wow! Where else but Woodstock would you choose from....

Archaeology • Archery  
Arts & Crafts • Basketball  
BB Gunnery • Canoeing • Climbing  
Creative Writing • Dance • Drawing  
Fitness Fun • Fishing • Floor Hockey  
Funkyaking • Guitar • Gym Class Heroes  
High Ropes • Hiking • Horseback Riding  
Junior Lifeguard • Kayaking  
Letter Boxing • Mountain Biking  
Mountain Boarding  
Movie Making/Drama • "Navy Seals"  
Newcomb • Origami  
Outdoor Adventures • Outdoor Cooking  
Sailing • Snorkeling • Soccer  
Stupid But Fun • Swimming  
Swim Lessons • Ultimate Frisbee  
Volleyball • Wiffleball • Windsurfing  
Woodstock Musical • Yoga • Yurt Media

*And that's not to mention the live action fun of the Ga-Ga Pit, floating with friends during free swim, chasing "aliens" and looking for "celebrities" during night games, your own s'mores at a campfire, and making new friends from different towns, states, and countries.*





"Camp Woodstock  
is awesome.  
It's the place to go!"  
-Woodstock Camper

## Health & Safety.

Our **registered nurse** is on duty 24 hours a day to manage the medical care and safety of our campers. Camp Woodstock meets the strict requirements for accreditation with the **American Camping Association** and is licensed by the State of Connecticut.

## Exceptional Leadership... *ask any Woodstocker!*

Our selective counselor training programs and high return rate of staff ensure the quality of the exceptional young men and women who make Camp Woodstock so special. They are one of the reasons our campers keep coming back year after year. A senior and junior counselor supervise a cabin of 10 to 14 campers grouped by age.

## Programs for Teens... *bored no more!*

Woodstock's popular four-week **Leader-In-Training Program (register early)** is designed to teach leadership to 15-year-olds and includes a camping trip to Vermont's Green Mountains—and the opportunity to receive Red Cross certification in CPR, first aid, and lifeguard training. The friendships and personal growth resulting from this program lead many LITs to consider it one of the most rewarding experiences of their lives. For more information or to apply, check out the Leader-In-Training link on our website.

New Yurt City is home to our oldest 14 year-old campers. They spend half their time in main camp and the other half together in their own special program designed for older campers. Check out the New Yurt City link on the website to learn more about this exciting new program.



Caring. Honesty. Respect.  
Responsibility.

That's the Y.

## How to Register.

Register online through our website's "Online Camper Registration" link or mail back to us a completed registration form along with the \$200 deposit for each session, per camper. A YMCA resident camp parent guide will be mailed back to you containing detailed information including the required health form and "what to bring" list. The balance of camp fees are due by May 1st. Questions? Call or email us.

## Refund Policy.

The deposit of \$200 per session, per camper is for the purpose of securing your child's reservation at camp and as such is neither refundable nor transferable. The balance of the camp fee is due May 1st. Any refund of the camp fee will only be considered upon written request stating the special circumstances, such as medical issues, that make it impossible for the child to attend camp. A camper leaving camp before the end of the session for medical (not homesickness or behavior) or emergency reasons will receive a pro-rated refund for the days missed.

## Keeping in Touch with your child.

We encourage you to write letters to your child or to send one-way emails through Bunk1, our email and online picture service available on our website. Information on purchasing this service from Bunk1 can be found in the Woodstock Bulletin, which is located on our website, and will also be mailed to parents of registered campers.

Call us at  
**1-800-782-2344**  
or **1-860-974-1336**  
or visit us online at  
**[www.campwoodstockymca.org](http://www.campwoodstockymca.org)**  
or email us at  
**[camp.woodstockymca@ghymca.org](mailto:camp.woodstockymca@ghymca.org)**

## Woodstock through the year.

Our popular **Family Camps** are offered on the weekends of Memorial Day, Labor Day, and Columbus Day. Call or email us for a brochure. During much of the school year, we are home to the Discovery Center, a diversity and academic learning program for elementary schools in the Greater Hartford area. We also host many universities, churches, and other not-for-profit groups. Our urban youth retreats are made possible by gifts to our Strong Kids Campaign.

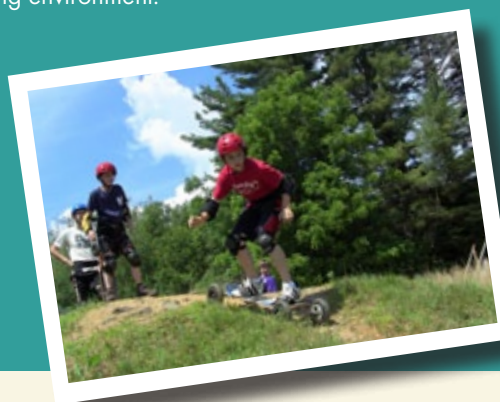
## Still trying to decide if Woodstock is right for your child?

Call us to set up a personal tour at your convenience. Join us for our annual Open House on May 6th from 2-4pm. Call or email us for your reservation. Sessions may be closed by then, however, so consider registering earlier. In the meantime, check us out on our website.

## The YMCA Embraces the 40 Developmental Assets in all our Programs

The assets are a framework that identifies crucial relationships, experiences, opportunities, and personal qualities that children and adolescents need as they grow to become healthy, caring, and responsible adults.

Camp Woodstock provides countless opportunities to empower young people to use time constructively and to model positive role models in a safe and caring environment.



### Our Mission

The YMCA of Greater Hartford is an association, open to all and committed to helping people develop their God-given potential in spirit, mind and body. Our commitment is based on the belief that the purpose of this three-fold development is to live out the values of our Judeo-Christian heritage, including caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

## Tier Pricing

Realizing that families have differing abilities to pay, Camp Woodstock has instituted a voluntary 4-tier pricing structure for our summer resident camp. Please take a moment to look at the tier descriptions and choose the one that is most suitable for your family. All children will have the same experience and tier selections are kept confidential.

### Tier 1

This price more accurately accounts for the true costs of operating, including, but not limited to general overhead, marketing, facility improvements, and depreciation.

### Tier 2

This price more accurately accounts for other additional costs such as equipment and facility repairs and purchases.

### Tier 3

This price accounts for the basic operating costs of camp such as food, staff salaries, and utilities.

### Tier 4

This variable rate, made possible by donations to the YMCA's Strong Kids Campaign, is for families in need of financial assistance. To apply, please request a financial assistance application from us.

**Be sure to mark the tier of your choice on the registration form.**

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**1-Week Teen Adventure Trips**  
**Leader-In-Training Sessions**



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