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Inclusion Camp

Camp Ohiyesa's Inclusion Camp offers an adaptive outdoor experience for children with special needs, ages 7-17. Campers gain independence, relate to others and engage in activities that bring a sense of achievement.

Camp activities run from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. Lunch and snack are provided daily.

Inclusion Camp Dates

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| Session 1: 6/24-6/28 | Session 4: 7/22-7/26 |
| Session 2: 7/1-7/5 | Session 5: 8/12-8/16 |
| Session 3: 7/8-7/12 | Session 6: 8/19-8/23 |

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Inclusion Camps

YMCA CAMP OHIYESA

Visit ymcadetroit.org/ohiyesa for details and to register.

Services & Accommodations

Support & Acceptance

Prospective campers and families will be interviewed prior to summer camp either via phone or in-home visit. By taking the time to get to know the child and family, we are better able to ensure each camper's success. Campers with special needs and their siblings can attend camp together

Supports are provided on a case by case basis and have included:

- Visual and sensory aids: picture schedules, timers, fidgets, and noise-canceling headphones
- Priming: Information ahead of time – schedules, touring the building, meeting staff, and social stories for drop off
- Behavior intervention plans and reward charts
- A quiet space: campers can have short breaks when needed or breaks can be scheduled during the day
- Instructions, rules, routines, etc
- Help with transitions

While staff give individual support, each inclusion staff person serves multiple campers. Campers should be able to change clothes, eat, and toilet independently and will need to participate in activities without an inclusion staff person for much of the day.





Trained Counselors & Staff

Darlene Garrison is our Inclusion Camp Coordinator. She has been a paraeducator for the past 20 years along with being a coach and director of Special Olympics. Darlene brings a vast wealth of knowledge, love, compassion and experience as the former owner and director of Camp Blue Sky.

While all counselors receive inclusion training, inclusion staff have backgrounds in special education, a related field, and/or life experiences that provide them with the skills to care for your camper. All staff participate in an application, interview and background check process.

Something for Everyone

Campers are integrated into age-appropriate day camp groups under the direct supervision of professional inclusion staff that provide support when needed. Inclusion campers have the opportunity to experience all that Camp Ohiyesa has to offer with encouragement from staff and other campers.

- Archery
- Basketball
- Canoeing
- GaGa Ball
- Alpine Tower
- Pioneer Village
- Teams Course
- Arts & Crafts
- Petting Farm
- Rock Wall
- Giant Swing
- Zipline
- Swimming & Water Slide

Payment Plans

A \$50 deposit is required upon the time of registration. An interview will be set up to determine readiness for the program. If the program is a good fit for your camper, you will then be able to register for camp.

As a state-licensed camp, your child's stay may be partially or fully covered if you are eligible for respite benefits from MORC, ARC or a similar agency. Financial assistance is also available through Camp Ohiyesa. Please contact Darlene Garrison for details.

Transportation is Available From the Following Locations:

- » Birmingham
- » Brighton
- » Farmington
- » GM Proving Grounds
- » Novi
- » White Lake

For more information please contact:

Darlene Garrison, Inclusion Camp Coordinator at darlene.garrison@ymcadetroit.org or call (248) 887-4533



Adult Adventure Camp

Campers, ages 18 and up take daily trips to interactive attractions in the Metro Detroit area under the supervision of professional Adult Inclusion staff. Typical trips include: Frankenmuth, Little Caesars Arena, Belle Isle and more.

Pick-up and drop-off is at Camp Ohiyesa and Bloomfield Costco.

Adult Adventure Camp Dates

Session 1: 7/15–7/19

Session 2: 8/5–8/9

Session 3: 8/12–8/16

