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Join us for the 111th summer of Fairview Lake YMCA Camps, located in beautiful Sussex County, NJ! With new programs, highly trained staff, and innovative activities, your child will experience a summer filled with adventure and growth. As an **American Camp Association Accredited** camp, we offer a variety of programs, including Traditional Camp, Adventure Trips, Ranch Camp, and Specialty Camps, ensuring there's something for every camper. Plus, our campers enjoy delicious meals prepared fresh each day!

MISSION

Strengthen community through youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility.

CAMP FOR ALL

The Y strives to make the Y programs and services more affordable for everyone so that kids and adults can receive the educational, physical, and social benefits of our programs while reducing the stress on adults juggling work and household responsibilities with the uncertainties of life. Through our Y for All Fund, qualifying families and individuals can receive a reduced rate on Y programs. Even if you don't think you would qualify for assistance we encourage you to apply.

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SCREEN FREE

Fairview Lake offers a completely screen free summer for our campers. By disconnecting from social media, campers develop stronger social skills, make lasting friendships, and connect with the community at camp.

Learn more:
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OPEN HOUSES & TOURS

We offer five Open Houses here at camp throughout the winter/early spring for families to come to camp and learn first hand what makes camp so special.

Open Houses are Sundays, 2-4 pm on *January 11, March 1, March 22, April 12, and April 26*

Register online at fairviewlakeymca.org/visit

Don't see a date that works? Contact our office to schedule a private tour for your family!

Summer at a Glance

June 21-27	June 28 - July 4	July 5-18	July 19-25	July 26 - August 8	August 9-15	August 16-22
Fairview Discovery	Camp Laurel Ridge		Camp Laurel Ridge		Camp Tupleo	
L.A.R.P	Camp Kittatinny		Camp Kittatinny		Fairview Discovery	Fairview Discovery
Sailing & Windsurfing	Camp Minisink		Camp Minisink		Farm Camp	
Wet & Wild	Camp Minisink	Camp Minisink	Camp Minisink	Camp Minisink		
	Taste of Tradition	Taste of Tradition	Taste of Tradition	Taste of Tradition		
	Counselor In Training					
Coed Ranch	Ranch Camp		Ranch Camp		Coed Ranch	
	Ranch Camp	Ranch Camp	Ranch Camp	Ranch Camp		
Delaware Safari	Angler's Catch	Adirondack Explorer	First Adventure	Rocks, Rivers & Reels	NEW! Seven Lakes	
Pioneers	Pioneers	Pioneers	Pioneers	Pioneers	New! River to Ridge	
First Adventure	Boots to Boats	Adventure Sampler	Pioneers			
			Hikes & Bikes	Voyagers		

TRADITIONAL *Camps*

THE Full Sails *Full Hearts* PLACE

At Fairview Lake YMCA Camps, we strive to make our traditional camps a home away from home for everyone who joins us. Campers live in modern cabins with bunk mates of similar ages, supervised by trained counselors. As a traditional camper they will choose week-long activities which will allow for skill development and progression. Campers also have free time, participate in group activities, swim lessons and more. Each camp has its own time honored traditions which promote community, friendship and belonging.



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CAMP LAUREL RIDGE

Girls entering grades 5-10 | 3-Week Sessions | 6/28-7/18 & 7/19-8/8

Camp Laurel Ridge empowers young women to build confidence and lasting friendships in a supportive, fun-filled environment. Campers bond with their peers in cabin groups and choose from a wide array of activities each week, with progressive instruction designed to challenge and inspire. Swim lessons*, free swim, and siesta provide a perfect balance of learning, relaxation, and play. Each evening, a special activity caps off an unforgettable day at camp.



CAMP KITTATINNY

Boys entering grades 5-10 | 3-Week Sessions | 6/28-7/18 & 7/19-8/8

At Camp Kittatinny, young men build confidence, make lifelong friends, and enjoy a long-standing tradition of incredible programs and adventures. Each week, campers choose from a variety of fun activities, where they can try new things, improve skills, and have a blast. With swim lessons*, free swim, and siesta, there's the perfect balance of action and relaxation. Every evening wraps up with an exciting camp-wide event, making each day one to remember!



CAMP MINISINK

Coed entering grades 2-4 | 1, 2 or 3 Week Sessions | 6/28-8/8

Camp Minisink is the perfect adventure for younger campers, providing a safe and supportive environment where they can grow and thrive. With a solid foundation for personal development, Minisink blends structured activities with exciting choices that allow campers to explore their interests. Each day includes swim lessons*, cabin and unit activities, plus two periods where campers pick their favorite adventures. Every day brings new experiences and memories that will last a lifetime!



CAMP TUPELO

Coed entering grades 5-10 | Two Week Session | 8/9-8/22

Camp Tupelo is a traditional camp for campers looking for a two-week experience! Campers have the opportunity to try new and challenging activities or continue to develop skills through multi-day progressive programming. Swim lessons*, free swim & siesta give everyone time to jump in the lake and relax. In the evenings, campers build community and friendships through group games, campfires, hikes, and other special activities unique to this two-week adventure. *Looking for more 2 week adventures? Check out our Specialty Camps or Adventure Trips!*



COUNSELOR IN TRAINING

Coed entering grade 11 | Six Week Session | 6/28-8/8

The CIT Program is an extensive and rigorous six-week program that offers campers the opportunity to develop leadership, outdoor living, and camp counselor skills. Our program focuses on small group dynamics, communication skills, teamwork, core values and conflict resolution. CITs participate in a variety of exercises and challenges and also have the opportunity to take the American Red Cross Lifeguard Course.

**Campers in Traditional Camps ages 12 and under must take swim lessons. Older campers may select swim lessons as part of their daily schedule.*



ADVENTURE TRIPS *for Challenge*



THE Discover Your Greatness PLACE

Adirondack Adventure, 2025

Our Adventure Trips for Challenge programs are designed to allow for growth, leadership, and friendship-building opportunities. Each program offers a unique itinerary, including rafting, canoeing, backpacking, rock climbing, high ropes, orienteering and more. Campers also participate in on-camp activities like swimming, archery, and the Mountain Slide, just to name a few! Along the way, young adventurers discover their own strength as they explore wild places and cheer each other on through every new challenge. By the program's end, they return with unforgettable stories, new confidence, and a circle of friends who feel like family.



Adventure Trip Campers and their dedicated staff live in the Delaware Unit, located on a hillside in camp. This unique setting is a great base camp for all Adventure Trips programs - with a shared bathhouse and pavilion, lawn space for games, and beautiful woods to explore. While the airy cabins do not have electricity, the bathhouse and pavilion are both powered.

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Name	Entering Grade	Dates	Description	Rating
Adirondack Explorer	8-11	7/5-7/18	The Adirondacks offer a breathtaking landscape that is perfect for outdoor enthusiasts, and two weeks exploring this natural wonder is an experience of a lifetime. You'll be surrounded by serene lakes, cascading waterfalls, and lush forests as they hike, canoe, and camp on this incredible adventure.	
Adventure Sampler	6-9	7/5-7/18	Let's adventure! Join your friends on a three-day, two-night canoe trip on the Delaware River and a three-day, two-night backpack trip on the Appalachian Trail.	
Angler's Catch	4-11	6/28-7/4	Ideal for the fishing enthusiast. Fish here at camp, at off site locations, and learn more about the environment. You'll also have plenty of time for great camp activities and an on site camping trip!	
Boots to Boats	6-11	6/28-7/4	Two adventures in one! Start with a two-day, one-night backpacking trip along the iconic Appalachian Trail. The adventure then shifts from trail to river as campers launch into a canoeing expedition on the Delaware River, spending a night camping along its scenic banks. When they're not out adventuring, campers enjoy classic Fairview Lake activities.	
Delaware Safari	8-11	6/21-6/27	Ready to conquer the Delaware River? Our staff and campers love the challenge and experience of a 60-mile, four-day, and three-night adventure down the Delaware River.	
First Adventure	4-6	6/21-6/27 7/19-7/25	Every explorer had a first adventure and we've got the perfect one just for your young camper. We'll take on team-building challenges, learn outdoor skills, build friendships, and try out a ton of great activities.	
Hikes & Bikes	8-11	7/19-25	Embark on an adventure with a blend of day bike trips and an overnight backpacking experience on the Appalachian Trail. Campers must bring their own bicycle that is suitable for road and trail and a helmet.	
Pioneers (1 Week)	4-9	6/21-6/27 6/28-7/4 7/19-7/25	Horseback riding, sailing, cooking, archery, hiking, swimming and boating, outdoor living skills, and more, just like 1915. (It's going to be a busy week!)	
Pioneers (2 Weeks)	4-9	7/5-7/18 7/26-8/8	Ready for more pioneer camping? For two weeks, you enjoy horseback riding, sailing, cooking, archery, hiking, swimming and boating, overnight camping, outdoor living skills, and more.	
Pioneers (3 Weeks)	4-9	7/19-8/8	The ultimate Pioneer experience! This three week adventure includes a huge variety of camp activities - including trail rides, sailing, camping, and more!	
Rocks, Rivers & Reels	6-11	7/26-8/8	This trip is great for any camper who enjoys a variety of adventures including climbing (rocks), canoeing (rivers), and fishing (reels)! Other activities include swimming, archery, riflery, high ropes, and giant swing. The second week includes a four-day, three-night canoe and camping trip on the Delaware River. We recommend that campers bring own fishing pole and tackle box.	
NEW! River to Ridge	6-11	8/9-8/15	Looking for a slightly longer Boots to Boats experience? Check out our NEW River to Ridge adventure! Start with a three-night canoeing trip down the Delaware River. At the Delaware Water Gap, the adventure shifts gears—from river to ridge—as campers lace up their boots for a one-night backpacking trip up the majestic Kittatinny Ridge.	
NEW! Seven Lakes	6-11	8/9-15	Set out on a thrilling adventure in the Seven Lakes area of Harriman State Park, NY! Explore scenic trails, discover beautiful lakes, and build wilderness skills in a picturesque setting. With activities like canoeing, hiking, camping, swimming, and team challenges, it's the perfect getaway to connect with friends, develop leadership, and dive into nature	
Voyagers	6-11	7/26-8/8	Perfect for the camper that enjoys being on, in, and around the water. We'll enjoy swimming, canoeing, and kayaking on our beautiful 110-acre lake. We'll also spend one day on an exhilarating rafting adventure on the Lehigh River in Pennsylvania. During the second week, we'll explore the Delaware River on a four-day, three-night canoe adventure.	

Rating System: Our Adventure Trips are rated to help you and your child determine what adventure they're ready for! Please see our website: www.fairviewlakeymca.org/adventure for more information!

RANCH *Camps*



THE Work Hard *Play Hard* PLACE



Horsemanship is more than just horseback riding, it's about building confidence, responsibility, and a deep connection with animals. At our Ranch Camps, boys and girls learn the fundamentals of horsemanship through hands-on experiences like grooming, tacking, feeding, and caring for horses, alongside daily riding lessons. Whether your child is saddling up for the first time or looking to grow their skills, our horse camp programs offer a fun, safe, and supportive environment where young equestrians can thrive.

Outside the barn, campers participate in classic camp activities such as swimming, archery, and hiking, creating a balanced camp experience. Housing is organized by gender and grade, and riding lessons are tailored by skill level to ensure growth and camaraderie.

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Name	Entering Grade	Dates	Description
Coed Ranch Camp	4-10	6/21-6/27 8/9-8/15	At our one-week ranch camp, campers strengthen their riding skills and confidence while exploring their love of horses. They learn riding, grooming, tacking, and barn care from skilled instructors in the ring, on trails, and across our 660 acres. Each evening includes swimming and traditional camp activities, building friendships and memories that empower them long after summer ends.
Girls Three-Week Ranch Camp	4-10	Session 1: 6/28-7/18 Session 2: 7/19-8/8	At our three-week ranch camp, girls refine their equestrian skills and grow as confident, capable riders. Building on the one- and two-week programs, they dive deeper into the art of horsemanship through advanced lessons, trail rides, and daily animal care. The session closes with an in-house horse show, where each rider proudly showcases her progress and hard-earned mastery.
Girls Two-Week Ranch Camp	4-10	7/5-7/18 7/26-8/8	At our two-week ranch camp, girls deepen their skills as young equestrians and build confidence through hands-on learning. Building on the one-week curriculum, campers expand their horsemanship basics through lessons, trail rides, and daily animal care. The session culminates in an in-house horse show, giving each rider the chance to shine and celebrate her hard-earned progress.
Girls One-Week Ranch Camp	4-10	6/28-7/4 7/19-7/25	At our one-week ranch camp, riders build skills and confidence while deepening their love of horses. Young equestrians learn riding, grooming, tacking, and barn care with guidance from our skilled instructors, exploring the ring, trails, and our 660-acre property. Evenings bring swimming and classic camp fun, creating a week of adventure, friendship, and true empowerment.



SPECIALTY *Camps*

THE Friendships Start *Here* PLACE



Specialty Camps help ignite a child's spark—nurturing their passions, building confidence, and connecting them with friends who share their interests, all in the joyful spirit of summer camp. At Fairview Lake YMCA Camps, that spark comes to life in the great outdoors, surrounded by peaceful forests, rolling hills, and the clear waters of our beautiful lake. Whether campers are sailing across the water, discovering a passion for animals, or stepping into character during live action role play, they're supported by expert staff and the natural wonder of our inspiring setting. It's more than a camp—it's a place where passions grow and lifelong memories are made.

Housing is organized by gender and grade. Certain programs may have requirements for participation. See our website for details.

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Name	Entering Grade	Dates	Description
Fairview Discovery	5-10	6/21-6/27 8/9-8/15 8/16-8/22	This summer camp program is ideal for campers who want to try a large variety of activities. Campers choose daily activities, such as field sports, arts and crafts, boating, swimming, and target sports. Each day will bring a new variety of programs to try. Campers also participate in fun theme days, campfires, and all camp games!
Farm Camp	4-10	8/9-8/15	Learn the basics of animal care as you experience life on the small animal farm! Campers and counselors will be charged with the care of Fairview Lake's goats, horses, donkeys, chickens, and bunnies. Campers will learn about other animals, participate in fun camp activities, and develop responsibility and teamwork skills.
L.A.R.P. Camp	5-10	6/21-6/27	Live Action Role Play (LARP) is an immersive experience where campers step into the shoes of fantastical characters like knights, mages, and rogues, acting out epic quests in a dynamic, story-driven world. Throughout the week, participants will create their own characters, solve puzzles, engage in safe, foam-sword combat, and team up for grand battles. In addition to the exciting role-play, campers will enjoy classic camp activities like swimming, archery, and campfires, making this the ultimate blend of fantasy and fun!
Sailing & Windsurfing	5-10	6/21-6/27	From sailing skills to proper sailing terminology, children who participate in our sailing and windsurfing camp will become proficient sailors in just one summer! With our beautiful fleet of Sunfish sailboats, you'll love every minute that you're out on the lake! Kids can sail solo, race their friends, or relax next to the stunning scenery of the lake and the forest. To participate in this specialized camp, camp-goers must pass the advanced swim assessment.
Taste of Tradition	5-7	One Week: 6/28-7/4 7/19-7/25 Two Weeks: 7/5-7/18 7/26-8/8	This camp favorite was developed to help camp-goers transition into longer summer camp stays. This is accomplished by effectively immersing children in the culture and traditions of traditional summer camps. Campers enrolled in Taste of Tradition will live in cabins with other Taste of Tradition Campers. Bunkmate requests of children in other programs are not possible due to the nature of the program.
Wet & Wild	5-10	6/21-6/27	This program is all about big splashes and even bigger smiles. Campers jump into our beautiful 110-acre lake for sailing, paddle boarding, the Mountain Slide, and tons of wet-and-wild adventures. When they're not in the water, they can soar on the giant swing or aim for glory at archery and ax throwing. It's the perfect mix of sun, splash, and pure camp excitement!





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"Camp was so much fun! I made so many friends, lots of memories, and lasting relationships. I highly recommend going to Fairview Lake YMCA Camps for Ranch Camp. The counselors are so energetic and make the time there so much fun."

- MZ, 2025 Ranch Camper

"This was the first time that she was away from home and I feel very grateful to the staff and folks at Fairview Lake YMCA Camps for creating an environment that felt nourishing and nurturing for her, such that she seldom thought about missing home. She felt at ease with the counselors and made meaningful connections with friends, so I am certain we will be returning for more songs, adventures and relationships next year." - AS, 2025 Camper Parent

"My kid had an absolute blast." - LB, 2025 Camper Parent

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