

2019 PROGRAMS GUIDE



THE RIGHT DIRECTION

FOR KIDS. FOR LIFE.



YMCA
CAMP
COPNECONIC

YMCA Camp Copneconic is known as one of the best camping experiences in the Midwest, offering something for everyone. A week at Copneconic helps build a guiding compass of values and character that develops kids — well beyond their time at Camp — pointing them in the right direction for life.



CHARACTER Camp Copneconic builds character with camping activities and adventures that emphasize respect for oneself and others.

CAMARADERIE Campers develop lifelong friendships that benefit them for years to come. The feeling of camaraderie, inclusion and being accepted and appreciated as your true self is our culture.

CARING We pride ourselves on our caring staff and counselors. Staff instill caring for oneself and others through the programs and activities they facilitate.

CONFIDENCE Whether it's conquering the ropes course for the first time or mastering archery, a week at Camp Copneconic spurs confidence and personal growth.



COLLABORATION Through the principles of good sportsmanship and teambuilding activities, our campers learn to share and collaborate.

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

AN EXCEPTIONAL SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE.

Hello Parents and Campers!

Summer is quickly approaching and I am thrilled to share with you all of the exciting programs and activities we have planned for our overnight and day campers. When I look back at my own childhood, some of the most memorable moments came from attending summer camp. The friends, the campfires, the feeling of self-confidence from trying the zip line for the first time and, of course, the independence I felt after completing a week away from home. These are the same hopes that I have for each child who attends YMCA Camp Copneconic — an exceptional camp experience.

YMCA Camp Copneconic is nestled on 125-acre Lake Copneconic, which serves as the perfect backdrop for a long list of amazing adventures including the high ropes course, zip lines, horseback riding, waterfront activities and more. The most important and amazing resource, however, is our staff. Each summer we employ more than 100 enthusiastic and caring team members to help shape our campers' lives. All staff receive extensive training in camper well-being, activity leadership, emergency response and much more.

Since 1915, YMCA Camp Copneconic has been a staple of excellence in the region. Our focus continues to be on creating and strengthening lasting friendships, developing skills, providing genuine and high-quality programs, and building character. I hope that you'll entrust us with your camper(s) this year, allowing our staff to provide the same memorable moments that I experienced as a child.

See you this summer!

Shelly Hilton, Executive Director
YMCA Camp Copneconic



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OVERNIGHT CAMPS

OVERNIGHT CAMP ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- ▶ Archery & Fishing
- ▶ Arts & Crafts
- ▶ Canoeing & Kayaking
- ▶ Climbing Tower & Zip Line
- ▶ Epic Theme Nights
- ▶ High Ropes Course
- ▶ Jet Ski Tubing
- ▶ Swimming & Waterfront Fun

Overnight Camps at YMCA Camp Copneconic are where memories are made...along with lifelong friendships, self-confidence and independence. Campers will unplug from technology and reconnect with nature, participating in a variety of traditional camp activities during each of our seven one- to two-week sessions.

Our age-progressive programming allows campers to return year after year, with new and exciting programs designed for each age group. We also offer Travel Trips to beautiful Northern Michigan destinations with hiking, biking and kayaking for our older overnight campers.

2019

OVERNIGHT CAMP SESSION DATES & THEMES

- ▶ **SESSION 1: JUNE 30-JULY 3**
Avengers Assemble
- ▶ **SESSION 2: JULY 7-12**
Copneconic Olympics: Go for the Gold
- ▶ **SESSION 3: JULY 14-19**
Hollywood Stars: Roll Out the Red Carpet
- ▶ **SESSION 4: JULY 21-26**
Error X: When Video Games Come Alive
- ▶ **SESSION 5: JULY 28-AUGUST 2**
Knights of the Cardboard Kingdom
- ▶ **SESSION 6: AUGUST 4-9**
Under the Big Top: Come One, Come All
- ▶ **SESSION 7: AUGUST 11-16**
Choose Your Own Adventure: Fantasy Worlds Collide

TRAILBLAZERS

Entering Grades 4-5

Trailblazers experience programming designed to foster inclusion and friendship! Campers participate in activities such as our infamous Creek Freak zip line, archery, arts and crafts, swimming and so much more! Trailblazers are guided by our nurturing staff and encouraged to try new things, while making lasting friendships and developing a newfound sense of independence.

July 7-12; July 14-19; July 21-26;
July 28-August 2; August 4-9; August 11-16

MINI-CAMP

Entering Grades 4-11

Mini-Camp packs a sample of our favorite age-appropriate activities into this shortened week. Campers will experience aqua toys at the waterfront, high adventure activities, archery, arts and crafts and more. Caring staff will promote fun and friendship during this special session!

June 30-July 3

PIONEERS

Entering Grades 6-8

Pioneers are challenged to meet new people and step outside of their comfort zones! This group will have the opportunity to test their bravery on activities like our climbing tower or giant swing, laugh with friends while kayaking around legendary Snake Island and sharpen their skills at disc golf. Pioneers also experience "Camper's Choice" so they can choose activities they want to try, or try again!

July 7-12; July 14-19; July 21-26;
July 28-August 2; August 4-9; August 11-16

“THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF MY CHILDREN AND SHOWING THEM AN AWESOME WEEK OF FUN WITHOUT THEIR ELECTRONICS.”



OVERNIGHT EQUESTRIAN CAMPS

CIRCLE C RANCH Entering Grades 4-10

Circle C Ranch Camp is designed for riders of all levels who want to advance their equestrian skills. Campers strengthen friendships in their skill groups while bonding with their horse. Lessons focus on skills ranging from Western trail riding to show ring etiquette. Your camper will build confidence as an equestrian.

July 7-12; July 14-19; July 21-26; July 28-August 2

HORSEMASTERS Entering Grades 5-11

Horsemasters is a great opportunity for riders with previous experience who want to fully immerse themselves in advancing their horse knowledge. A full day of horse time and special activities offered only during Horsemasters provide for an enriching equestrian experience. Special guests may include visits from our farrier, veterinarian and other experts. Campers must have previous riding experience.

August 4-9



MEDLEY

Entering Grades 6-8

Variety seekers experience a full spectrum of “Camper’s Choice” activities in this specialty program. Campers will customize their experience by selecting their own schedule of activities from a medley of program choices on a daily basis. Some choices include watersports, high adventure, extreme games, arts and crafts, fishing and much more.

July 14-19; August 11-16

CRAZY ABOUT COPNECONIC

Entering Grades 6-11

Two action-packed weeks of overnight camp is sure to build confidence and independence! Our two-week campers will experience age-appropriate activities with favorites like

the Creek Freak zip line, kayaking, swimming and the double-decker high ropes course. A special weekend stay is a highlight as our two-weekers enjoy all of Camp Copneconic with special “Camper’s Choice” options and movie night!

July 7-19; July 28-August 9



VOYAGERS

Entering Grades 9-11

Voyagers are given the freedom to shape part of their camp experience by taking their schedule into their own hands and selecting their activities two days of the session. Campers also form friendships while participating in cabin activities such as our high ropes course and tower zip line, navigating the shores of Lake Copneconic on our paddleboards or hanging with their friends in Hammockville! Voyagers build self-confidence and make memories that last a lifetime.

July 7-12; July 14-19; July 21-26; July 28-August 2; August 4-9; August 11-16

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING (C.I.T.)

Entering Grades 12

The CIT program provides a unique learning opportunity to campers who are aspiring to become camp counselors or future leaders. The CIT program is a two-week program that includes a two-day camping trip focused on establishing expectations, teambuilding and leadership. CITs then return to Camp for interactive workshops on camper management, communication skills and leading activities. During week two, CITs put the training into action as they shadow and assist counselors with an assigned cabin group.

July 7-19

TRAVEL TRIP ADVENTURE SERIES

“ I AM ALWAYS SO INCREDIBLY HAPPY WITH HOW WELL THIS CAMP IS RUN, AND HOW SAFE I FEEL DROPPING MY KIDS OFF IN YOUR CARE. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR ALL YOU DO!”

MICHIGAN MOSAIC TRIP

Entering Grades 8–11

This co-ed trip will experience a mosaic of activities, all Michigan based! From surfing on Lake Michigan and kayaking down the Platte River, to biking the Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail and a Jeep ride exploring the beautiful sand dunes. This scenic trip culminates with an excursion to Michigan's Adventure to top off an already action-packed week of fun!

July 14–19; August 11–16

GIRLS' SOUTH MANITOU TRIP

Entering Grades 8–11

This all-girl backpacking trip explores all that Northern Michigan's South Manitou Island has to offer. The trip begins with a night in Glen Arbor before the ferry departs for the island the next morning. Campers will learn outdoor and teambuilding skills as they shape their own experience, choosing together what hikes to explore. Campers will then return to

the mainland to visit the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Park and Traverse City. Girls will discover their inner potential, be empowered and develop a newfound appreciation for nature.

July 28–August 2

BOYS' NORTH MANITOU TRIP

Entering Grades 8–11

Guys on this all-boy backpacking trip will explore Northern Michigan's North Manitou Island. Rugged and free, campers will tap into their inner outdoorsman as they work together to read a map, cook their own food and set up their tents under the stars. With a hike to Manitou Lake and a refreshing swim in Lake Michigan, campers will surely make memories that last a lifetime!

August 4–9





DAY CAMPS

DAY CAMP ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- ▶ Arts & Crafts
- ▶ Canoeing & Kayaking
- ▶ Creek Hikes
- ▶ Epic Theme Events
- ▶ GaGa
- ▶ Low Ropes Course
- ▶ Mountain Biking
- ▶ Swimming & Waterfront Fun

It's amazing how much fun you can pack into a day. At YMCA Camp Copneconic, our Day Camps are filled with great activities, great friends and great fun — all in the great outdoors! Campers build friendships, learn valuable life lessons and make memories through a variety of fun and engaging programs offered daily during each of our 10 one-week sessions.

With age-progressive programming, campers can return year after year to experience new and exciting programs designed for each age group. Day Camp is the perfect stepping stone for campers who want to prepare for the Overnight Camp experience.

2019

DAY CAMP SESSION DATES & THEMES

- ▶ **SESSION A: JUNE 17-21**
Space Invaders: Crash Down at Copneconic
- ▶ **SESSION B: JUNE 24-28**
Western Roundup: The Legend of Joe Copneconic and the Buttermilk Bunch
- ▶ **SESSION C: JULY 1-5**
Avengers Assemble
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- ▶ **SESSION I: AUGUST 12-16**
Choose Your Own Adventure: Fantasy Worlds Collide
- ▶ **SESSION J: AUGUST 19-23**
The Pirates of Snake Island

SNOOPERS

Entering Grades Pre K-K

Snoopers enjoy a full day of fun and exploration! It's the perfect introduction to summer camp with activities such as canoeing, pony rides, frog hunting and so much more. Low camper-to-staff ratios and positive role models create a safe and magical outdoor camp experience.

Offered all sessions.

EXPLORERS

Entering Grades 1-2

Explorers Day Camp is intentionally designed for small group participation in an outdoor setting that is upbeat, skill-oriented, imaginative and fun-filled. Explorers love our age-progressive activities like archery, fishing and the Aqua Jump water trampoline!

Offered all sessions.

FISH, FROGS & FORTS

Entering Grades 1-3

Campers will love exploring nature, building secret forts, hunting for frogs and interacting with reptiles and amphibians. Kids will love learning to fish and attempting to catch the mysterious Big Charlie!

June 17-21; August 5-9



“ THANKS SO MUCH FOR THE EXPERIENCE! THE CAMP IS WELL WORTH THE MONEY! KIDS ARE STILL TALKING ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES!”

MINI ALL-STARS

Entering Grades 1-3

This is a great choice for kids who want to try an array of sports! The week includes basketball, soccer, floor hockey and flag football. Throughout the week, campers will also experience a variety of active group games designed to enhance teamwork!

July 15-19; August 5-9

AQUAMANIA

Entering Grades 1-4

Aquamaniacs love corcling, swimming and playing on our aquatic playground of water toys! Campers also explore beautiful Lake Copneconic while tubing or during a pontoon swim.

June 24-28; July 1-5; July 15-19; August 12-16

TRAVELERS

Entering Grades 1-4

Set your sights on discovery through new adventures every day! One day campers will be at the waterfront bouncing on an aqua toy, the next exploring trails on camp and meeting our reptiles. Kids then travel to the woods for a day of survival skills, shelter building and fires, followed by a day of teamwork playing group sports!

July 8-12; July 29-August 2; August 19-23



PATHFINDERS

Entering Grades 3-4

Pathfinders enjoy daily activities that foster an appreciation for nature, build new skills and are jam-packed with fun and adventure. Pathfinders build self-confidence while trying new activities like the Zoom Toss zip line, kayaking and awesome aqua toys.

Offered all sessions.

ADVENTURE IN IMAGINATION

Entering Grades 3-6

The Genesee District Library and Camp Copneconic are partnering once again to offer an exciting specialty-themed day camp. Campers become immersed in a book series through creative programming, as well as enthusiastic staff. The story will come alive daily through imaginative activities into the wonderful world of mystery and adventure.

July 8-12; August 12-16



MISSION INNOVATION

Entering Grades 3-6

Do you like to explore, solve problems and use technology? Join us for an engaging week of exploring STEM projects through hands-on investigations. Campers will build catapults, balloon rockets and spaghetti skyscrapers. Throughout all projects, we will emphasize the engineering design process, creativity and the importance of collaboration. Campers will experiment, engineer and explore, all while receiving a traditional summer camp experience.

June 17-21; July 15-19

NATURE DISCOVERY

Entering Grades 3-6

Nature enthusiasts will have hands-on experiences with reptiles, amphibians, bugs, birds and plants. Adventurous hikes through Camp's forests, ponds and streams

will introduce campers to Camp's amazing animals and wild habitats.

June 24-28; August 12-16

COPNECONIC SURVIVORS

Entering Grades 4-7

Earning team points along their journey, campers learn survival skills in the rugged Copneconic wilderness. Shelter building, orienteering, fire building, fishing and outdoor cooking are needed to succeed in this game of survival.

June 24-28; July 8-12

HIGH 5 SPORTS

Entering Grades 4-7

Sport fanatic campers will play a unique mix of camp games and sports, including Ultimate Frisbee and beach volleyball, as well as soccer, basketball, flag football and street hockey. And don't forget the famous Gaga tournament!

July 22-26



“YOU TOOK TWO PHONE ADDICTED KIDS AND BROUGHT OUT THEIR FUN SIDE! THEY HAD A BLAST AND WANT TO COME BACK NEXT SUMMER!”



NAVIGATORS

Entering Grades 4-7

Campers navigate to a new area of camp each day to experience new adventures! One day, campers will learn survival skills such as knot tying and outdoor cooking, the next they'll navigate to the reptile house and vernal pond to learn about all the critters that live at camp. Another day will be spent playing team sports, another on the waterfront and another fishing in our trolling boats! This program is perfect for campers looking for an adventurous session!

June 17-21; July 1-5; July 15-19

RODS AND REELS

Entering Grades 4-7

Anglers learn fundamental fishing skills such as baiting, casting, habitat and setting the hook. Boats fully rigged with trolling motors and fish finders allow campers to learn advanced skills and try to catch the famous Big Charlie!

July 1-5; July 29-August 2

CHALLENGERS

Entering Grades 5-6

Challengers' days are filled with day camp favorites like mountain biking, boating, aqua toys and the ever-popular high adventure Friday when campers can step outside of their comfort zone to attempt one of our "Challenge by Choice" activities!

Offered all sessions.



EQUESTRIAN DAY CAMPS

BOOTS AND SADDLES

Entering Grades 3-8

From showmanship to trail ride adventures, riders of all levels will be sure to improve their skills. Friendships will develop between campers as they learn to care for their horses, build confidence in their riding and make memories that will last a lifetime!

June 17-21; July 1-5; July 8-12; July 15-19;
July 22-26; July 29-August 2; August 19-23

HORSE LOVERS

Entering Grades 5-8

Horse Lovers is for equestrians interested in a progressive week of riding lessons, show ring strategies and equestrian skill development. A full day of specialized classes will focus on expanding horse knowledge and confidence. This program is for riders with previous riding experience.

June 24-28; August 12-16



“THE COUNSELORS ARE ALWAYS CHEERFUL AND FULL OF ENERGY DESPITE THE WEATHER AND THE EARLY MORNING TIME. THEY GREET MY CAMPERS BY NAME AND I LOVE THAT!”

ADVENTURE CHALLENGE

Entering Grades 5-8

Thrill seekers will love our double-decker high ropes course, 55-foot climbing tower, Creek Freak zip line, mountain biking and giant swing. Campers also learn about teambuilding on our challenging low ropes course.

July 1-5; August 19-23

WATERSPORTS

Entering Grades 5-8

Watersports Day Camp offers endless ways for kids to discover all that Lake Copneconic has to offer. Jet-ski tubing, paddle boarding, sailing, kayaking, canoeing and aqua toy obstacles will make a real splash with friends.

June 17-21; July 29-August 2; August 19-23

TREKKERS

Entering Grades 7-8

Trekkers Day Camp appeals to older campers who enjoy expanding their horizons and experiencing new adventures. Campers travel off Camp for one day during the week via bus for a fun trip to some of the area's most adventurous and exciting attractions. While at Camp, Trekkers love paddling around the lake in Corcls, playing sports, hanging out in hammocks and experiencing our tower zip line.

FIELD TRIP LOCATIONS:

Session A: Red Oaks Waterpark

Session D: Zap Zone Adventure Center

Session F: Waterford Oaks Waterparks

Session H: Kokomo's Family Fun Center

Session J: Rolling Hills Waterpark

2019 PRICING INFORMATION

OVERNIGHT CAMP PROGRAMS	ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15 TH	ON OR BEFORE MAY 31 ST	RATE STARTING JUNE 1 ST
Mini Camp – Session 1 Only	\$355	\$380	\$405
Trailblazers/Pioneers/Voyagers/Medley	\$535	\$560	\$585
Circle C Ranch	\$550	\$575	\$600
Horsemasters	\$585	\$610	\$635
C.I.T. (Two-Week Program)	\$675	\$700	\$725
Crazy About Copneconic (Two-Week Camp)	\$1,020	\$1,045	\$1,070
Travel Trip	\$700	\$725	\$750

DAY CAMP PROGRAMS	ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15 TH	ON OR BEFORE MAY 31 ST	RATE STARTING JUNE 1 ST
Snoopers/Explorers/Pathfinders/Challengers/Specialty	\$220	\$235	\$250
Trekkers	\$240	\$255	\$270
Boots & Saddles	\$270	\$285	\$300
Horse Lovers	\$290	\$305	\$320

MONTHLY INSTALLMENT PROGRAM:

Families have the option to spread their payments from the time of registration up to June. Installments are charged to the credit card on file on the 15th of each month with the final charge on June 15th.

Register early for lower monthly payments!

HOW IT WORKS

- 1 Register for camp online, over the phone or by mailing in a registration form (forms can be obtained by printing from our website or by calling the camp office and we'll drop them in the mail to you).
- 2 Pay the deposit at the time of registration (\$150 for Overnight Camps; \$75 for Day Camps).
- 3 Your remaining balance will then be split into equal monthly payments to be paid on the 15th of each month.
- 4 The final payment will be charged on June 15th.

SIBLING DISCOUNT!

Camp Copneconic provides a discount for families sending multiple children in the same household to camp.

Siblings receive a
15%

DISCOUNT ON CAMP FEES

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE FAMILIES IN NEED OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.CAMPCOPNECONIC.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.

PARTNER WITH YOUTH CAMBERSHIP FUND

Skills learned and relationships fostered are often life-changing stepping stones on the road to adulthood for kids who attend summer camp. But, for some families, the cost of sending their child(ren) to camp is too much of a financial burden. At YMCA Camp Copneconic, we believe every child should have a chance to have a life-changing experience, regardless of their ability to pay. That is why we need your help to provide a camp experience for deserving youth in our community. No matter how big or small, your donations ensure each of our campers has the most rewarding experience possible.

In 2018, the generosity of families helped us send 424 youth to camp who otherwise may not have been able to attend. On behalf of each child that will visit YMCA Camp Copneconic this year, thank you for your support and dedication!

Donations may be made on your camp registration form. If you or someone you know would benefit from a campership, please visit www.campcopneconic.org to apply or call 810-629-9622 for a paper application.





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SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSES

We invite you to preview our 2019 Summer Camp Programs. Bring your friends and family for a free afternoon of sample programs and activities. Our staff will answer all of your questions and give you a tour of our facility.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10th

SUNDAY, MAY 19th

Summer Camp Open Houses run from 2pm–5pm. Please register online to hold your spot at www.campcopneconic.org.

