



2024 PROGRAMS GUIDE

THE RIGHT DIRECTION FOR KIDS. FOR LIFE.



the **YMCA**
CAMP
COPNECONIC

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**YMCA CAMP COPNECONIC IS KNOWN
AS ONE OF THE BEST CAMPING
EXPERIENCES IN THE MIDWEST,
OFFERING SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.**

A week at Copneconic builds a guiding compass
of values and character that develops kids –
pointing them in the right direction for life.



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SAFE AND ENRICHING EXPERIENCES **FOR ALL KIDS.**

Hello Campers and Families!

I am so excited for the summer of 2024! At YMCA Camp Copneconic, we believe that every kid should have an opportunity to experience the beauty of Michigan's outdoors. Camp is a place where all kids are encouraged to try new things and to be true to themselves, all through fun camp activities. As a YMCA, we work to make sure nobody is turned away. Through our financial assistance program and payment plans, we strive to ensure camp is available to all. With our well-trained staff and commitment to the growth of each child, we take care to ensure that camp is welcoming to all. And with our carefully thought-out programming, we work to ensure camp is accessible to all.

Since 1915, Camp Copneconic has developed a reputation for providing life-changing camp experiences for kids across the Midwest. Our staff put your camper's physical, mental, emotional, and social health at the forefront of everything we do. Our staff of amazing young leaders receive extensive training

in camper well-being, activity leadership, emergency response, teaching skills, and more.

For more than 100 years, families have trusted YMCA Camp Copneconic to build their children into the future leaders of the world. We've built long-lasting friendships, developed good character, and helped thousands of kids experience transformative growth at camp. Our facility is so much more than just a place to have fun. We are a community pillar responsible for fostering empathy, growth, education, and inclusiveness. I hope that you'll entrust us with your child(ren) this summer and see what your child can gain from a week at camp.

See you this summer!



Brandon Drefft
Executive Director
YMCA Camp Copneconic

OVERNIGHT CAMPS



1,811
ARCHERY
TARGETS
HIT IN 2023



ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

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



OVERNIGHT CAMP

Entering 4th – 11th Grades

Overnight Camps at YMCA Camp Copneconic are where memories are made. Campers will unplug from technology and reconnect with nature, participating in a variety of exciting camp activities during each of our four one-week sessions.

› July 7-12, July 14-19, August 4-9,
August 11-16

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING (CIT)

Entering 12th Grade

The CIT program provides a unique learning opportunity to campers who are aspiring to become camp counselors or future leaders. This program is a two-week experience that includes a two-day off-site camping trip. 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

CAMP COPNECONIC IS FOR EVERYONE!

Not sure if summer camp fits within your family's budget? Visit campcopneconic.org to learn about available scholarships.



CRAZY ABOUT COPNECONIC

Entering 6th – 11th Grades

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 high ropes course. A special weekend stay is a highlight as our two-weekers enjoy all of Camp Copneconic special camper's choice and evening activities.

› July 7-19

CIRCLE C RANCH

Entering 4th – 10th Grades

This program is designed for riders of all levels who want to advance their equestrian skills. Campers will be grouped based on skill and assigned their own horse for the week. Experienced staff will instruct campers on the finer points of tack, safety, equine health, grooming, identifying breeds, and respect for the animal. Half the day is spent at the Circle C Ranch and during the other half, campers take advantage of many traditional Copneconic activities.

› July 7-12, July 14-19

HORSEMASTERS

Entering 8th – 11th Grades

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 provides for an enriching equestrian experience. *Campers must have previous riding experience.*

› August 4-9

MICHIGAN MOSAIC

Entering 9th – 11th Grades

This co-ed trip will experience a mosaic of activities, all Michigan based! From surfing on Lake Michigan and boating the Platte River, to 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 28-August 2



DAY CAMPS



ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

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



SNOOPERS

Ages 4 Years – Entering K

Snoopers enjoy a full day of fun and exploration! It is 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

DAY CAMP

Entering 1st – 7th Grades

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 beginning June 17. With age-progressive programming, campers can return year after year to experience new and exciting programs designed for each age group.

› Offered All Sessions

OOEY GOOEY

Entering 1st – 4th Grades

From oobleck and slime to silly putties and more, campers will learn the science behind these famous reactions while getting to make an ooey gooey mess. Prepare for a week of fun and a week of getting messy!

› July 29–August 2

AQUAMANIA

Entering 1st – 4th Grades

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

› July 8–12, August 12–16

FISH, FROGS, & FORTS

Entering 1st – 4th Grades

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, July 1–5, July 22–26,
August 5–9, August 19–23

MAD SCIENCE

Entering 5th – 8th Grades

Be amazed as your campers make things go BOOM! Mad Science camp is a week full of getting sticky, finding the right formulas, testing mixtures, and letting the mind go wild. Campers will have the opportunity to create and fly water rockets, explode watermelons with rubber bands, try their hands at creating their very own robot, and more.

› July 1–5



“Your camp is phenomenal! This is the second time my child has come and said it was the best week of his life.”

COPNECONIC SURVIVORS

Entering 5th – 8th Grades

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 17–21, July 22–26

HIGH 5 SPORTS

Entering 5th – 8th Grades

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

› June 24–28

RODS & REELS

Entering 5th – 8th Grades

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

› July 29–August 2

She said nature walks, frog hunts were so much fun, but she was super happy she got to improve on her swimming skills too!



ADVENTURE CHALLENGE

Entering 5th – 8th Grades

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

› July 8–12, August 12–16

WATERSPORTS

Entering 5th – 8th Grades

Watersports day camp offers endless ways for kids to discover all that Lake Copneconic has to offer. Jet ski tubing, paddleboarding, kayaking, canoeing, and aqua toy obstacles will make a real splash with friends.

› July 15–19, August 5–12

EXPEDITION SEEKERS

Entering 7th – 8th Grades

This program appeals to our oldest day campers who enjoy expanding their horizons and experiencing new adventures. Campers will paddle around the lake in Corcls, play sports, hang out in hammocks, and enjoy some of the most exciting activities day camp has to offer!

› July 15–19, August 5–9



BOOTS & SADDLES

Entering 4th – 8th Grades

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! Half the day is spent at the Circle C Ranch and during the other half, campers take advantage of many traditional Copneconic activities.

› June 17–21, July 1–5, July 22–26, July 29–August 2, August 19–23

HORSE LOVERS

Entering 5th – 8th Grades

Horse Lovers is for campers interested in a progressive week of riding lessons and equestrian skill development, with a focus on expanding horse knowledge and confidence. *Campers are encouraged to have previous riding experience.*

› June 24–28, August 12–16

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CAMP THEMES



1,500+
S'MORES EATEN
IN 2023



OVERNIGHT CAMP THEMES

- › **SESSION 1: JULY 7-12**
The Wizards of Copneconic
- › **SESSION 2: JULY 14-19**
Copneconic Under the Sea
- › **SESSION 3: AUGUST 4-9**
Copneconic Goes Hollywood
- › **SESSION 4: AUGUST 11-16**
CSI: Copneconic,
The Detective Challenge

DAY CAMP THEMES

- › **SESSION A: JUNE 17-21**
Into the Wild
- › **SESSION B: JUNE 24-28**
Raiders of the Lost Artifact
- › **SESSION C: JULY 1-5**
Party in the USA
- › **SESSION D: JULY 8-12**
Battle of the Decades
- › **SESSION E: JULY 15-19**
Copneconic's Got Talent
- › **SESSION F: JULY 22-26**
Mission Impossible
- › **SESSION G: JULY 29-AUGUST 2**
Story Books Come to Life
- › **SESSION H: AUGUST 5-9**
Marshmallow Madness
- › **SESSION I: AUGUST 12-16**
Copneconic and the
Chocolate Factory
- › **SESSION J: AUGUST 19-23**
Color Wars



2024 PRICING

DAY CAMP PROGRAMS

PRICING

Traditional Day Camps	\$315
Boots and Saddles	\$375
Horse Lovers	\$400

OVERNIGHT CAMP PROGRAMS

PRICING

Traditional Overnight Camps	\$800
Circle C Ranch	\$860
Horsemasters	\$890
Counselor in Training (2-Week Program)	\$975
Crazy About Copneconic (2-Week Program)	\$1,450
Michigan Mosaic	\$975

OVERNIGHT & DAY CAMP FAMILIES THAT
QUALIFIED FOR ASSISTANCE RECEIVED

25-75% OFF PER
SESSION
IN 2023



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 15. Register early for lower monthly payments!

SIBLINGS
RECEIVE A
15%
DISCOUNT ON
CAMP FEES

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 (\$75 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 15.

PARTNER WITH YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP 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 experience camp, regardless of their ability to pay. That is why we fundraise throughout the year so that we can ensure we can provide a camp experience for deserving youth in our community.

In 2023, the generosity of our community helped us send 243 youth to camp who otherwise may not have been able to attend. On behalf of every child that will visit YMCA Camp Copneconic this year, we thank our Partner with Youth Donors for their support and dedication to keeping camp available for all.



Donations may be made on your camp registration form. If you or someone you know would benefit from a scholarship, application information is available when registering online, or at campcopneconic.org.



**1,117
FRIENDSHIPS
MADE IN 2023**



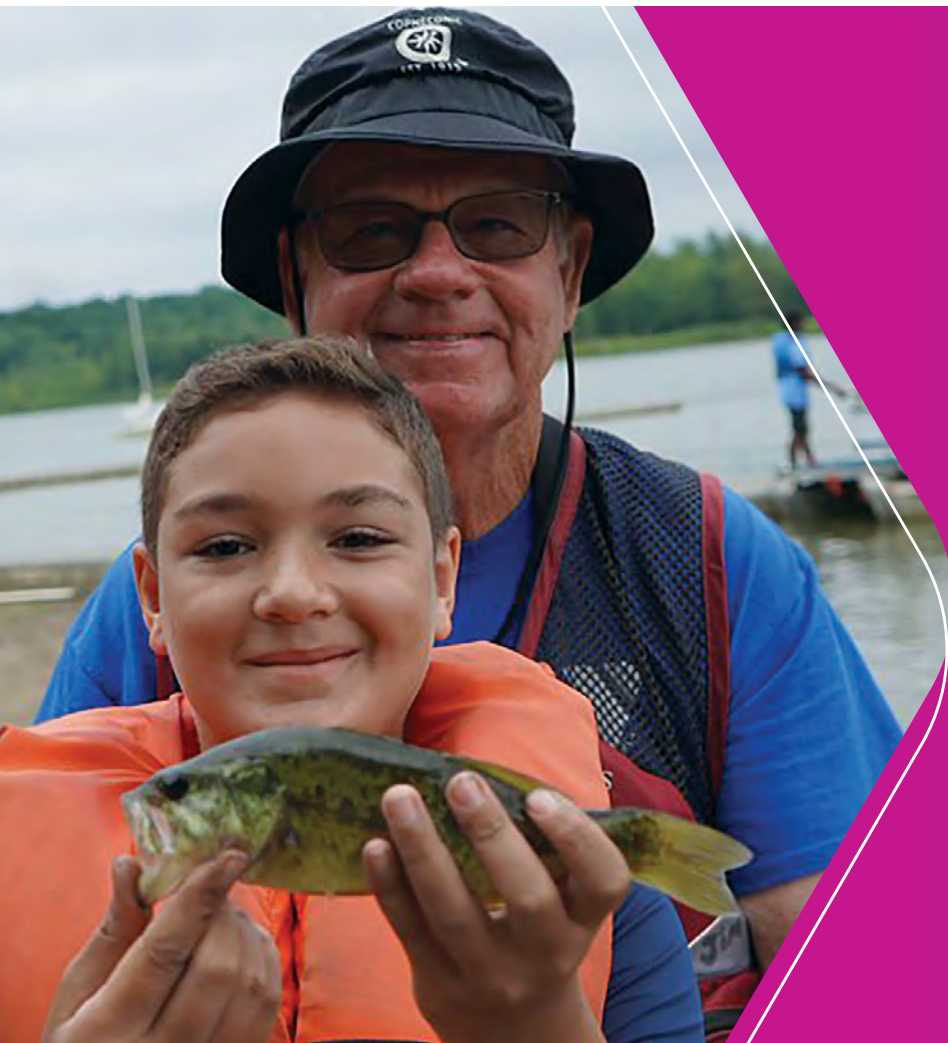
**KIDS NEED CAMP.
CAMP NEEDS YOU.**

**TOO OLD TO ATTEND CAMP
BUT STILL WANT IN ON
THE FUN?**

Consider applying for one of our summer or year-round staff positions. We're looking for day and overnight camp counselors, program instructors, housekeepers, kitchen staff, and more.



**SCAN TO
LEARN MORE
AND APPLY!**



SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSES

**WE INVITE YOU TO PREVIEW OUR
2024 SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS!**

Bring your friends and family for a FREE afternoon of programs and activities. Our staff will answer all your questions and give you a tour of our facility. Open houses run from 2-5 p.m.

› MARCH 10, APRIL 14, AND MAY 19



For more information, visit
campcopneconic.org or
call **810.629.9622**.