

CAMP BEADS PROGRAM

METROWEST YMCA DAY CAMP

Hopkinton

INTRODUCING our new Beads Program! Here at the MetroWest Y, we believe that the values and skills learned early on are vital building blocks for life. We plan to celebrate your camper's progression this summer as they explore their unique talents while our Role Models foster a positive and safe learning environment for growth. Join us in your child's achievement and development here at the MetroWest YMCA.



How to Earn Beads



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YMCA Core Values Beads

Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility. We challenge our campers to believe in and behave according to these Y Values. Our Y Core values unite us as a movement with a common cause. They are the shared beliefs and essential principles that guide our behavior, interactions with each other and decision-making. All bead necklaces will start with red, blue, yellow and green for the four core values and are discussed when the campers receive them for the first time.

Preschool & Youth Swim Levels

- Preschool swim is for campers 3-5 years and incorporates Pike, Eel, & Ray.
- Youth swim is for campers 6 and older and incorporates all seven swim levels.
- Your camper's initial swim level is determined during their first swim check.
- As campers progress, they will graduate to each new level by our qualified swim instructor's evaluation during class.
- Swim neckband colors do not correspond to bead levels.
- Campers will earn only the beads for the swim levels they have completed here at camp.

Activity Beads

- There are well over a dozen activity beads that can be earned by everyone at camp.
- Some beads are easier to earn than others though we celebrate your camper's achievement all the same!
- Typically bead #1 can be earned by younger campers with progressive challenges the older the campers get.
- If there is a second bead, a bead #2 for the activity, this bead is usually for campers in grades 2-3 and up.
- Each of our activity areas have charts that describe the different levels and what challenge is needed to achieve the new level within each camp unit.

Camp Bead

Along with the Core Value Beads everyone will also earn a Camp Bead. It's a natural wood bead with the camp year marked on the side. A new marked bead every year.

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