



METROWEST YMCA

Hopkinton Summer Day Camp Middlers' Specialty Camps June 23 – August 22, 2025

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9
June 23-27	June 30-Jul 3	July 7- 11	July 14-18	July 21-25	July 28-Aug 1	Aug. 4-8	Aug 11-15	Aug 18-22

Advanced Magic Camp (Week 5)

Building on the skills learned in Beginner Magic, this class explores more complex magic sleights and techniques, some of which require memorization and simple math. Learn how to perform tricks for large audiences, basic stagecraft and working as a team/assistant to make the magic happen. All magic props will be supplied or constructed at each class. Videos of famous magic performances will be shown and discussed as models of techniques and showmanship.

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Advanced Wilderness Skills Camp (Weeks 4 & 7)

Advanced Survival: Beyond the Basics! Have you taken 2 Wilderness Camps with us? Want to take your skills to the next level? We have a NEW opportunity for you to focus on more advanced skills. Come to the back woods of Hopkinton and learn about fishing handlines, big shelter builds, atlatl spear throwers, and animal tracking.

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Animation Flix with IncrediFlix Camp

(Week 3)

In collaboration with IncrediFlix, we offer Animation Flix Camp. In this fast-paced class, you'll create up to five new stop-motion movies using a different medium each day! Animate with ducks, with green screen, and new for 2025- film with anime characters! *\$35 production fee included in the price of camp. Note: Flix emailed within a month after program ends. Campers will also participate in daily traditional camp activities such as swimming, archery and nature.

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Art Explorations: Print & Mark Making Camp

(Week 3)

After a morning of traditional camp activities, such as swimming, archery, and nature, campers will travel with their YMCA counselors to the Hopkinton Center for the Arts for an afternoon of art projects. Every mark tells a story from the gentle swipe of a pencil to the bold stroke of the brush. We'll expand our styles and explore printmaking as well.

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Art Explorations: Making Creative Creatures Camp

(Week 4)

After a morning of traditional camp activities, such as swimming, archery, and nature, campers will travel with their YMCA counselors to the Hopkinton Center for the Arts for an afternoon of art projects. Let's explore art history from around the world to get inspired and recreate your favorite pets and animals. From ancient cave art and medieval drawings to mystical dragons and beloved cartoon characters, there's a world of inspiration waiting for you!

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Beginner Magic Camp

(Week 4&5)

Magician Pat Farenga will teach campers close-up magic using sleight of hand, theatrical skills and other techniques. Whether it's a card trick, mind reading, or making something disappear, your camper will learn how to keep everyone entertained! At the end of the week, campers will showcase their magical skills for

their fellow campers in a performance. All magic props will be supplied or constructed at each class.

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Champs Sports Camp

(Weeks 1-8)

Play hard. Play fair. Everyone wins! Campers will learn the values of teamwork, fair play, respect and hard work while being exposed to a variety of sports. Our YMCA staff will instruct campers in soccer, basketball, street hockey, gaga ball, badminton, disc golf, lacrosse, whiffle ball and new this year: cricket! The focus is on fun, skills, drills and playing time. Participants will also take part in high and low ropes, archery and swimming.

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Ceramics & Sculpture Camp

(Week 6)

After a morning of traditional camp activities, such as swimming, archery, and nature, campers will travel with their YMCA counselors to the Hopkinton Center for the Arts for an afternoon of art projects. Campers will create pottery and small sculptures from clay using hand building techniques! They will learn about glazing and creating surface detail as they make sculptures, masks, creatures and pottery they can use. Please note that finished work will be available for pickup 4-6 weeks after the program ends.

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Creative Kitchen Camp

(Weeks 3, 4, 6, & 8)

Campers will enjoy a week of imagination, adventure, teamwork, and creativity in our Teaching Kitchen. All Creative Kitchen campers will participate in one traditional camp activity and swim every day. Parents with campers who have allergies are strongly encouraged to contact the Program Director prior to registration, kbesozzi@metrowestymca.org.

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Heels Down Horseback Riding and Ranch Camp **(Weeks 3-8)**

After a morning of traditional camp activities, campers will board the bus to Willow Brook Farm in Holliston to experience riding and ranch life. On M/W/F, campers will learn to ride on one of Willow Brook's 30 horses in small group riding lessons with a trained instructor. Additionally, they'll learn to lead, care for, tack, bathe, groom, and ride bareback. On Tu/Th, campers will learn to handle, feed, and care for goats, sheep, alpacas, donkeys, miniature horses, and more!

Willow Brook will supply a required ASTM riding helmet and riding boots for all campers. Campers must wear long pants/leggings for riding, socks, and closed-toed shoes/sneakers.

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Live Action Flix with IncrediFlix Camp **(Week 6)**

In collaboration with IncrediFlix, we offer Live Action Flix Camp. Discover your filmmaking talents! You don't have to be an actor to take part, as we'll guide you through the Hollywood process to create, direct, film, act, and more. You won't just make an incredible movie, you'll have the skills to make your own movies with friends. *\$35 production fee included in the price of camp. Flix emailed within a month after camp ends. Campers will also participate in daily traditional camp activities such as swimming, archery and nature.

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Machine Mayhem using LEGO® Materials **(Week 8)**

Design your custom LEGO® creation to take on any challenge. Mix and match chassis designs using wheels, treads, or walking legs and then combine these with tools like drills, hammers, and battering rams. You will refine your masterpiece by sparring with friends and overcoming obstacles all while applying real-world engineering and physics concepts to help you bash and crash your way to victory!

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Mario Flix with IncrediFlix

(Week 6)

"It's-a-me, Mario!" Brand new for 2025 Stop Motion Movie making with your favorite Mario characters. Create a Mario Movie full of fun to save the day or even be Bowser trying to take over the world! Work in small groups to storyboard, build the world, film, and do voice-overs.*\$35 production fee included in the price of camp. Flix emailed within a month after camp ends.

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Minecraft Master Engineering using LEGO® Materials Camp

(Week 7)

In collaboration with Play-Well TEKnologies, we offer Minecraft Master Engineering using LEGO® Materials Camp! Bring your favorite Minecraft adventures to life with our enthusiastic Play-Well instructors. In a Minecraft world powered by LEGO® resources, we will build shelters to keep out Creepers, craft mystical items that only true masters can wield, and perfect our crossbow skills to stop the Wither from taking over! If you can imagine it, we can build it. Campers will also participate in daily traditional camp activities such as swimming, archery and nature!

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Minecraft Movie Flix with IncrediFlix Camp

(Week 3)

In collaboration with IncrediFlix, we offer Minecraft Movie Flix Camp. Make a Minecraft stop motion movie with your favorite Minecraft characters! Working in age-appropriate groups, bring Steve, the creepers, and more to life. Students will write, storyboard, create sets, make their Minecraft blocks, film, animate some cool effects, and do voice-overs! *\$35 production fee included in the price of camp. Note: Movie emailed within a month after program ends. Campers will also participate in daily traditional camp activities such as swimming, archery and nature.

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Pathfinders Wilderness Survival Camp

(Weeks 3, 4, 6, & 7)

Each day will be a new adventure in our camp forest! We will work as a team to learn and utilize basic safety and survival skills while gaining a greater understanding of our camp home! Campers will also participate in designing and building basic shelters and forts such as: ground level forts, lean-to forts, wicki-pups, leaf huts, and more! It is an introduction to the use of hand tools.

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Pokémon Master Engineering Camp **(Week 8)**

In collaboration with Play-Well TEKnologies, we offer Pokémon Master Engineering using LEGO Materials Camp! LEGO Master, I choose you!! In the race to be crowned the Ultimate Pokémon Champion, we need your help! Learn to build your favorite Pokémon, level up by teaching them special moves, evolve them into more powerful versions, and come face to face with the current champion in an epic battle for the title. Learn from our Play-Well Pokémon Masters so you can make it to the top! Campers will also participate in daily traditional camp activities such as swimming, archery and nature.

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Radical Rides 2.0 using LEGO® Materials Camp **(Week 7)**

In collaboration with Play-Well TEKnologies, we offer Radical Rides using LEGO® Materials Camp! Start your engines with tens of thousands of LEGO® parts as you dive into the vast world of vehicles! Build and design an array of exciting machines, traversing land, sea, and air with the assistance of experienced Play-Well instructors. Learn about the engineering principles behind motors, gears, and everything that vrooms and zooms! Campers will also participate in daily traditional camp activities such as swimming, archery and nature.

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Rookies Sports Camp **(Weeks 1-8)**

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Wicked Good Theater Camp

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After a morning of traditional camp activities, such as swimming, archery, and nature, campers will travel with their YMCA counselors to the Hopkinton Center for the Arts. There's no place like the HCA in the summer to explore all things musical theater! Celebrate your love for the Land of Oz and Broadway with a week of singing, dancing, and crafting. We'll discuss musical storylines, songs, and characters and through games, scene work, and improv. Campers will work on their own small performance for the end of the week!

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