

Mission Statement:

The Robert D. Fowler Family YMCA, reflecting its Judeo-Christian heritage, is an association of volunteers, members and staff, open to and serving all, providing programs and services which develop spirit, mind, and body. Assistance is based on need. The YMCA actively seeks to identify and involve those in need.



Day Camp Philosophy:

YMCA Camp Discovery encourages all campers to grow socially, physically, and intellectually. Our programs are "camper-centered" and focus on small group interactions that occur as a result of the program. These small groups, led by our camp counselors, will work together and participate in fun camp activities in a safe environment.

Throughout the summer, our camp counselors will emphasize the importance of having fun and learning the four YMCA character values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility. These values will be the cornerstones of our day camp activities.



Staff:

Our counselors are carefully chosen for their maturity, special program skills and ability to work with children in an outdoor setting. The staff participates in an extensive training program that builds a positive and effective team. Staff are taught to encourage campers to be their best and to aid them in

developing higher self-esteem and social confidence. All staff are certified in CPR and First Aid.

Location:

Our traditional day camp and sports camp site is Simpsonwood Retreat Center, located five minutes away from the Robert D. Fowler Family YMCA. Simpsonwood Retreat Center contains more than 200 acres of hiking trails, playing fields, with a basketball and tennis court, swimming pool and large covered pavilion. It provides the ideal site for a summer day camp program. Every morning, all of our summer camp programs will meet at Simpsonwood, and depending on the program, campers will remain there or travel to other destinations. Exceptions: Junior Pioneers Camp & half day Gymnastics Camp will meet at the Fowler YMCA. Full day Gymnastics Camp and Fowler Fins Swim Academy will meet at Simpsonwood Retreat Center.

How to register:

Register at the Robert D. Fowler Family YMCA

PLEASE NOTE: Kids will swim daily upon Gwinnett County's approval to allow outdoor pools to operate.

**Open registration
begins on
Saturday,
February 7.**

Reservations will be held with a non-refundable and non-transferable deposit of \$25.00 per child, per session. Each participant must be a member of the YMCA. We offer program and facility memberships. Program memberships entitle the member to participate in YMCA programs such as camp, swim lessons, sports, and the enrichment program.

Session balances are due 1 week prior to the starting date of each session. A \$10.00 late fee (per week, per child) will be assessed if the outstanding balance is not paid in full by the balance due date. Late payments will result in the interruption of your child's participation in camp. If you register less than 1 week before camp starts, you must pay a \$10.00 late registration fee per child/per session. Absolutely no refunds will be given after August 31, 2009.

Camp Hours:

Pre-camp hours: 7:00 – 9:00 a.m.*

Camp program hours: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Post camp hours: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.*

(Pre and post camps are available to all at no additional cost.)

*Junior Pioneers Camp (Age 5) will have pre-camp hours from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. and post camp from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Camp Discovery Kick-off (ages 6-12)

May 21 & 22 (at Fowler YMCA from 7 am - 6 pm)

Kaiser Permanente's Educational Theater Programs (ETP) will offer a unique series of dynamic theater productions with compelling health and fitness messages. These productions will serve as one of the avenues in which the Fowler Family YMCA will promote the Youth Fit for Life component in our day camp.

All campers must bring a snack and lunch with them daily.

Facility \$30/Day

Program \$35/Day

SESSIONS

- I: **MAY 26 - 29***
(to meet at Fowler YMCA)
- II: **JUNE 1 - 5**
- III: **JUNE 8 - 12**
- IV: **JUNE 15 - 19**
- V: **JUNE 22 - 26**
- VI: **JUNE 29 - JULY 3***
- VII: **JULY 6 - 10**
- VIII: **JULY 13 - 17**
- IX: **JULY 20 - 24**
- X: **JULY 27 - 31** * No camp May 25
- XI: **AUG 3 - 7**
(to meet at Fowler YMCA)

Camp Open House:

We encourage all parents and campers to join us for one of our Open House dates at the Simpsonwood Retreat Center. The two dates for Open House are: Saturday, April 25 & Saturday, May 23 from 10 a.m. – 12 noon.