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Pawtucket Family YMCA Offers Exciting Options for Summer Camps

PAWTUCKET – Children of all ages can expand their horizons while having a fun-filled and exciting summer by attending one of the many camps offered by the Pawtucket Family YMCA, 20 Summer St.

Most camps are conducted between June 23 and Aug. 22 and run daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no additional charge for children dropped off at 6:30 a.m. and/or picked up at 5:45 p.m. Breakfast along with a lunch provided by Subway are served.

Children between the ages of 10 and 12 can get a taste for traveling by attending Explorers I. Attendees will go on daily field trips, discovering local destinations. Campers will learn responsibility and core values such as the importance of teamwork; and through many activities, they will gain confidence and increase their social skills. The cost is \$140 per week for YMCA members and \$165 for nonmembers. Also, there is a \$25 weekly field trip fee.

Children that attend Aim High or Aim Higher camps will keep their minds and bodies fit. Conducted by a certified teacher, Aim High is for children ages 6 and 7 and Aim Higher is for children between ages 8 and 10.

Aim High is designed so campers retain what they learned in school while improving their reading, math and writing skills during the summer. Aim Higher focuses on all-important study habits, time management and working independently. Creative educational methods are used and English as a Second Language is taught in each camp. Besides learning, campers will enjoy activities such as swimming and going on field trips. The cost is \$140 per week for YMCA members and \$165 for nonmembers.

Youngsters between the ages of 6 and 12 can learn some new moves at the YMCA's Cheerleading and Dance camps. In Cheerleading Camp, children receive some historical information about cheering while acquiring some related skills and techniques. Campers learn a number of cheers and simple stunts and lifts while being spotted by staffers. In addition, the aspiring cheerleaders participate in a brief performance each week for fellow campers and parents.

Cheerleading camp is conducted between July 7 and 11; July 28 and Aug. 1; and Aug. 12 and 15. There is no camp on Aug. 11. The cost is \$140 per week for YMCA members and \$165 for nonmembers.

At Dance Camp, children also receive some historical information before learning hip-hop, jazz and step dance techniques and being introduced to other dance forms such as ballet. Campers show what they have learned during a brief performance each week for their peers and parents.

Dance camp is held June 30 to July 3; July 14 to 18; and Aug. 4 to 8. The cost is \$140 per week for YMCA members and \$165 for nonmembers.

Other camps offered at the Family YMCA include:

- Camp Dino-Mytes for children ages 5 to 8. Campers participate in a variety of activities aimed at sparking their imaginations. The cost is \$138 for YMCA members and \$165 for others.
- Rookies, Future Stars and All-Stars Sports Camps for children 6 to 12. The cost is \$140 for YMCA members and \$165 for others.
- Girl Power for children 8 and 9 during the week of July 21 to 25. Girls will delve into topics such as fashion, fitness, health and beauty; engage in recreational activities; and work on developing core values and self-esteem. The cost is \$140 for members and \$165 for nonmembers.
- Explorers Adventure for children 8 and 9, who will make discoveries, find new talents and learn about friendship while engaging in a myriad of activities. The cost is \$140 for members and \$165 for nonmembers, and there is a weekly field trip fee of \$15.
- Intern Camp for children 12 to 16, who are interested in learning about the employment process. The cost is \$140 for members and \$165 for nonmembers.

The Family YMCA also offers two camps at its Heritage Park YMCA branch at 333 Roosevelt Ave.

There's Camp Heritage Pioneers for children ages 4 and 5, and it is ideal for youngsters going from preschool to kindergarten. There is a combination of recreational and sports activities for a cost of \$140 per week for YMCA members and \$175 for nonmembers.

For children ages 6 to 8 there is Camp Heritage Voyagers, during which there is an emphasis on creativity. The cost is \$138 for YMCA members and \$160 for nonmembers.

The YMCA offers a 15 percent discount for siblings that attend camps, and there is financial assistance available to families in need. To obtain more information about camps and how to register, call the Family YMCA at 401.727.7907 or Heritage Park at 401.727.7757; or go online to www.goymca.com.

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