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Children will have “Funtastic” Summer at a MacColl YMCA Day Camp

LINCOLN – A summer full of smiles is almost guaranteed for children that attend one of the many day camps at the MacColl YMCA, 32 Breackneck Hill Road.

The camps, many of which are held from June 23 to Aug. 22, are ideal for children age 4 and up that live in the areas serviced by the MacColl and Woonsocket YMCAs. A spectacular spray park and a large community swimming pool that features two water slides add to the fun children will experience while making memories and new friends.

Free transportation is offered from the communities of Cumberland, North Providence and Woonsocket. When campers arrive at MacColl, which is accredited by the American Camp Association, they are supervised and instructed by a well-trained staff. Counselors, many of whom are studying to become educators, are certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid and are required to complete 16-hours of safety training before the start of camp.

All campers experience swimming, arts and crafts and several outdoor activities, and there are specialty camps that focus on skills such as dancing and cheerleading. Camps run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and there is complimentary pre-camp child care, starting at 6:30 a.m., and post-camp care, ending at 5:45 p.m. The costs of the camps vary, and families can apply for financial assistance and sibling discounts.

Children between the ages of 12 and 15 are encouraged to attend the YMCA’s highly-touted Teen Camp. Unique and positive activities focus on different life skills such as critical thinking, communication and creativity, and attendees also participate in traditional camp activities. It is very likely that campers will grow in the areas of adaptability, collaboration, responsibility and leadership.

Another outstanding program for children in the same age group is Explorers Camp. Campers travel up to five days per week to many new and exciting destinations throughout New England and participate in activities focused on developing positive behavior and responsibility in a group environment. Camp T-shirts – each child receives two – must be worn daily. Attendees must bring a lunch, two snacks and a refillable water bottle each day.

For children ages 9 to 11 there’s:

-- Camp U-Go-To, which conducted with a wide range of activities guaranteed to expand a child’s horizons. Children will work on the core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility and participate in sports, art, swim lessons and recreational swim.

-- Camp Trailblazers, which focuses on outdoor activities such as fishing, hiking and camping. Campers travel to other outdoor venues, gain self-confidence, grow socially and learn to be a member of a team.

-- Adventure Camp, which includes sports, drama, swimming and team building. Campers travel two days per week to adventurous destinations around New England.

Other camps offered at MacColl include:

-- Camp Discovery for children ages 4 and 5. The camp combines activities in a climate-controlled indoor setting with the diversity of outdoor play experiences. Activities that help children grow socially include water play, arts and crafts, games and dramatic play.

-- Sprouts Sports for children ages 5 and 6. Attendees concentrate on basic skills for soccer, basketball, dance or cheerleading.

-- Camp Care-A-Lot for children 7 and 8. Care-A-Lot allows children to develop social skills by participating in daily activities such as arts and crafts, progressive swim lessons, noncompetitive group games, recreational swim and spray park time.

-- Camp Quest for children entering grades 1 to 5 that want to maintain what they learned during the school year while having a day camp experience. Quest runs from June 30 to Aug. 22, and a certified teacher conducts the academic portion of the camp.

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