



2025 SUMMER PROGRAMS GUIDE

# THE RIGHT DIRECTION FOR KIDS. FOR LIFE.



YMCA  
CAMP  
COPNECONIC



**ONE OF THE BEST  
CAMPING EXPERIENCES  
IN THE MIDWEST,  
OFFERING SOMETHING  
FOR EVERYONE.**



YMCA Camp Copneconic builds a guiding compass of values and character that develops kids — pointing them in the right direction for life.

# SAFE AND ENRICHING EXPERIENCES FOR ALL KIDS.

Hello Campers and Families!

I'm so excited for the summer of 2025! As we prepare for another great season of summer adventures, I am thrilled to share some important details about your upcoming camp experience. Whether this is your child's first time with us, or they are returning for another year of fun and learning, I want to ensure that every camper feels safe, engaged, and ready to make memories that will last a lifetime.

We are constantly evolving to make sure that each summer is better than the last. In 2024, we piloted a few STEM and "messy" camps to great success. We're expanding those offerings at both our overnight and day camp programs! These are designed to give our campers more opportunities to explore, grow, and connect with nature and each other. At YMCA Camp Copneconic, we offer a wide variety of activities tailored to every child's interests. From outdoor adventures like zip lines, high ropes, tubing, and mountain biking to creative arts, sports, hiking, and swimming, there's something for everyone! Our dedicated staff is here to guide and support each camper, ensuring they have a safe and positive experience every day.

We take safety very seriously. Our camp is American Camping Association accredited and licensed by the State of Michigan. Our staff members undergo thorough screening, interview, reference checks, and background checks before attending our pre-camp and on-site trainings. To help you and your camper get ready for their time at YMCA Camp Copneconic, we put together a Parent Guide with a list of essential items to pack, along with important information about arrival times, transportation, and camp rules. This is on our website, and will be included in your camp forms when you register.

At YMCA Camp Copneconic, we've built long-lasting friendships, developed good character, and helped thousands of kids experience transformative growth. I'm so proud that for 110 years, families have trusted YMCA Camp Copneconic to help build their children into the future leaders of the world. I look forward to welcoming you to our camp this summer. Thank you for choosing to join our family here at YMCA Camp Copneconic. We can't wait for the adventure to begin!

See you this summer!

*Thomas Bawden*

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*Executive Director, YMCA Camp Copneconic*

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# OVERNIGHT CAMPS

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explore hands-on activities,  
and forge new friendships!



## ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- › Archery & Fishing
- › Arts & Crafts
- › Canoeing & Kayaking
- › Climbing Tower & Zip Line
- › High Ropes Course
- › Jet Ski Tubing
- › Swimming & Waterfront Fun



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diversity of their  
counselors. It made the  
experience engaging and  
they enjoyed learning  
about different cultural  
backgrounds.”



## SUMMER MINI CAMP

### Entering 4th – 8th Grades

Tailored for campers who aren't quite ready to commit to a full week of camp. Our Summer Mini Camp offers a wonderful opportunity to build confidence, gain independence, and create new friendships all while exploring the vast activities Copneconic has to offer. Campers will unplug from technology and tap into activities such as archery, kayaking, crafts, zip-lining, and much more.

› June 29 – July 2

## OVERNIGHT CAMP

### Entering 4th – 11th Grades

Overnight Camps at YMCA Camp Copneconic are where memories are made. During each of our one-week sessions, campers will unplug from technology and reconnect with nature while fishing, canoeing, and swimming. Long lasting friendships are made around the campfire, preparing for mock rock, and encouraging each other on our zip line or high ropes course.

› July 13–18, July 20–25, August 3–8,  
August 10–15

## COUNSELOR IN TRAINING (CIT)

### Entering 12th Grade

The CIT program provides a unique learning opportunity to campers who are aspiring to become camp counselors or future leaders. This program is a two-week experience that includes a two-day off-site camping trip. CITs then return to camp for interactive workshops on camper management, communication skills, and leading activities. During week two, CITs put the training into action as they shadow and assist counselors with an assigned cabin group.

› July 13–25

## CRAZY ABOUT COPNECONIC

### Entering 6th – 11th Grades

Two action-packed weeks of overnight camp is sure to build confidence and independence! Our two-week campers will experience age-appropriate activities with favorites like the Creek Freak zip line, kayaking, swimming, and the high ropes course. A special weekend stay is a highlight as our two-weekers enjoy all the Camp Copneconic camper's choice and evening activities.

› July 13–25

## CIRCLE C RANCH

### Entering 4th – 10th Grades

This program is designed for riders of all levels who want to advance their equestrian skills. Campers will be grouped based on skill and assigned their own horse for the week. Experienced staff will instruct campers on the finer points of tack, safety, equine health, grooming, identifying breeds, and respect for the animal. Half the day is spent at the Circle C Ranch and during the other half, campers take advantage of many traditional Copneconic activities.

› July 13–18, July 20–25

## HORSEMASTERS

### Entering 8th – 11th Grades

Horsemasters is a great opportunity for riders with previous experience who want to fully immerse themselves in advancing their horse knowledge. A full day of horse time and special activities offered only during Horsemasters provides for an enriching equestrian experience. Campers must have previous riding experience.

› August 3–8

## MICHIGAN MOSAIC

### Entering 9th – 11th Grades

This co-ed trip will experience a mosaic of activities, all Michigan based! This camping adventure includes adventures ranging from surfing on Lake Michigan, boating the Platte River, to going down an alpine slide. This scenic trip culminates with an excursion to Michigan's Adventure to top off an already action-packed week of fun!

› July 27–August 1

## IMAGINATION FACTORY

### Entering 4th – 11th

Launch rockets, create simple machines, or save your egg from a 40-foot fall; our Imagination Factory has it all! This imagination-based program inspires creativity, critical thinking, and innovation. In addition to exciting STEM programs, campers will also experience some of camp's most popular activities like zip lining, inflatable aqua toys, or relaxing at our hammockville.

› August 3–8

# DAY CAMPS

Day camps are filled with great activities, great friends, and great fun — all in the great outdoors! Each of our 10 one-week sessions runs Monday–Friday, 8am–5pm.



## ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- › Arts & Crafts
- › Canoeing & Kayaking
- › Creek Hikes
- › Epic Theme Events
- › Gaga
- › Low Ropes Course
- › Mountain Biking
- › Swimming & Waterfront Fun



## CAMP COPNECONIC IS FOR EVERYONE!

Not sure if summer camp fits within your family's budget? Visit [campcopneconic.org](https://campcopneconic.org) to learn about available scholarships.

## SNOOPERS

### Ages 4 Years – Entering K

Snoopers enjoy a full day of fun and exploration! It is the perfect introduction to summer camp with activities such as canoeing, crafts, frog hunting, and so much more. Low camper-to-staff ratios and positive role models create a safe and magical outdoor camp experience.

› Offered All Sessions

## DAY CAMP

### Entering 1st – 7th Grades

Campers build friendships, learn valuable life lessons, and make memories! Each of our one-week sessions include activities such as swimming, fishing, gaga ball, and arts and crafts. With age-progressive programming, campers can return year after year to experience new and exciting programs designed for each age group.

› Offered All Sessions

## AQUAMANIA

### Entering 1st – 4th Grades

Aquamaniacs love corcling, swimming, and playing on our aquatic playground! Campers explore beautiful Lake Copneconic while boating or during a pontoon swim. Half the day is spent at the waterfront and during the other half, campers take advantage of many traditional Copneconic activities.

› July 7-11, August 11-15

## FISH, FROGS, & FORTS

### Entering 1st – 4th Grades

Campers will love exploring nature, building secret forts, hunting for frogs, and interacting with reptiles and amphibians. Kids will love learning to fish and attempting to catch the mysterious Big Charlie. Half the day is spent fishing, frogging, and fort building and during the other half, campers take advantage of many traditional Copneconic activities.

› June 16-20, July 21-25, August 4-8,  
August 18-22

“I sincerely appreciate your staff and what they do to make camp so special for the kiddos.”

## LITTLE PICASSO

### Entering 1st – 4th Grades

Welcome to a colorful and inspiring space for young artists to unleash their creativity. Campers will engage in a variety of artistic activities from painting and drawing to working with clay. Each day features themed projects inspired by famous artists and art movements to encourage campers to explore their artists' styles while learning about the likes of Picasso, Van Gogh and Monet. Half the day is spent crafting and during the other half, campers take advantage of many traditional Copneconic activities.

› July 21-25

## ART EXPLOSION

### Entering 5th – 8th Grades

This vibrant camp is designed for artists eager to explore their imagination and express themselves through various art forms. Campers will experiment with different mediums such as acrylics, watercolors, clay, and digital art, while discovering their unique artistic voices. Half the day is spent crafting and during the other half, campers take advantage of many traditional Copneconic activities.

› July 14-18

## OOEY GOOEY

### Entering 1st – 4th Grades

From oobleck and slime to silly putties and more, campers will learn the science behind these famous reactions while getting to make an ooey gooey mess. Prepare for a week of fun and a week of getting messy! Half the day is spent doing STEM activities and during the other half, campers take advantage of many traditional Copneconic activities.

› July 14 – 18, July 28-August 1

## MAD SCIENCE

### Entering 5th – 8th Grades

Mad Science camp is a week full of getting sticky, finding the right formulas, testing mixtures, and letting the mind go wild. Campers will have the opportunity to create and fly water rockets, explode watermelons with rubber bands, try their hands at creating their very own robot, and more. Half the day is spent doing STEM activities and during the other half, campers take advantage of many traditional Copneconic activities.

› Aug 4-8

## COPNECONIC SURVIVORS

### Entering 5th – 8th Grades

Earning team points along their journey, campers learn survival skills in the rugged Copneconic wilderness. Shelter building, orienteering, fire building, fishing, and outdoor cooking are needed to succeed in this game of survival. Half the day is spent learning survival activities and during the other half, campers take advantage of many traditional Copneconic activities.

› June 16-20, July 21-25

## HIGH 5 SPORTS

### Entering 5th – 8th Grades

Sport-fanatic campers will play a unique mix of camp games and sports including Ultimate Frisbee and beach volleyball, as well as soccer, basketball, and flag football. And don't forget our famous Gaga Ball! Half the day is spent playing sports and during the other half, campers take advantage of many traditional Copneconic activities.

› June 23-27



## RODS & REELS

### Entering 5th – 8th Grades

Anglers learn fundamental fishing skills such as habitat, baiting, casting, and setting the hook. Boats fully rigged with trolling motors allow campers to learn advanced skills and try to catch the famous Big Charlie! Half the day is spent fishing and during the other half, campers take advantage of many traditional Copneconic activities.

› July 28-August 1

My son loved his counselors  
and continues to talk  
about them and how  
much fun he had!”

## ADVENTURE CHALLENGE

### Entering 5th – 8th Grades

Thrill seekers will love our double decker high ropes course, 55-foot climbing tower, Creek Freak zip line, mountain biking, and giant swing. Campers will also learn teambuilding skills on our challenging low ropes course. Half the day is spent doing adventure activities and during the other half, campers take advantage of many traditional Copneconic activities.

› July 7-11, August 11-15

## WATERSPORTS

### Entering 5th – 8th Grades

Watersports day camp offers endless ways for kids to discover all that Lake Copneconic has to offer. Jet ski tubing, paddleboarding, kayaking, canoeing, and aqua toy obstacles will make a real splash with friends. Half the day is spent at the waterfront and during the other half, campers take advantage of many traditional Copneconic activities.

› July 14-18, August 4-8

## BOOTS & SADDLES

### Entering 4th – 8th Grades

From showmanship to trail ride adventures, riders of all levels will be sure to improve their skills. Friendships will develop between campers as they learn to care for their horses, build confidence in their riding, and make memories that will last a lifetime! Half the day is spent at the Circle C Ranch and during the other half, campers take advantage of many traditional Copneconic activities.

› June 16-20, June 30-July 2, July 7-11,  
July 28-Aug 1, Aug 18-22

## HORSE LOVERS

### Entering 5th – 8th Grades

Horse Lovers is for campers interested in a progressive week of riding lessons and equestrian skill development, with a focus on expanding horse knowledge and confidence. Campers are encouraged to have previous riding experience.

› June 23-27, August 11-15





# CAMP THEMES

## OVERNIGHT CAMP THEMES

- › **Summer Mini Camp: June 29-July 2**  
Around the World
- › **Session 1: July 13-18**  
Pirates vs. Ninjas
- › **Session 2: July 20-25**  
Jurassic Park
- › **Session 3: August 3-8**  
Hollywood
- › **Session 4: August 10-15**  
Medieval, Mythical, and Magical

## DAY CAMP THEMES

- › **Session A: June 16-20**  
Welcome to the Circus
- › **Session B: June 23-27**  
Back to the Future
- › **Session C: June 30-July 2**  
Party in the USA
- › **Session D: July 7-11**  
Copneconic's Got Talent
- › **Session E: July 14-18**  
Mystery Mayhem
- › **Session F: July 21-25**  
Splashdown Safari
- › **Session G: July 28-August 1**  
Copneconic in Wonderland
- › **Session H: August 4-8**  
Galactic Adventures
- › **Session I: August 11-15**  
Passport to Adventures
- › **Session J: August 18-22**  
Color Wars





# 2025 PRICING

## DAY CAMP PROGRAMS

Traditional Day Camps	\$330
Boots and Saddles	\$395
Horse Lovers	\$420

## OVERNIGHT CAMP PROGRAMS

Summer Mini Camp	\$560
Traditional Overnight Camps	\$840
Imagination Factory	\$875
Circle C Ranch	\$900
Horsemasters	\$935
Counselor in Training (2-Week Program)	\$1,025
Crazy About Copneconic (2-Week Program)	\$1,525
Michigan Mosaic	\$1,025

## MONTHLY INSTALLMENT PROGRAM

Families have the option to spread their payments from the time of registration up to June. Installments are charged to the credit card on file on the 15th of each month with the final charge on June 15.

**Register early for lower monthly payments!**

## HOW IT WORKS

- 1 Register for camp online, over the phone, or by mailing in a registration form (forms can be obtained by printing from our website or by calling the camp office and we'll drop them in the mail to you).
- 2 Pay the deposit at the time of registration (\$75 for Overnight Camps; \$75 for Day Camps).
- 3 Your remaining balance will then be split into equal monthly payments to be paid on the 15th of each month.
- 4 The final payment will be charged on June 15.

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DISCOUNT ON  
CAMP FEES

# PARTNER WITH YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Skills learned and relationships fostered are often life-changing stepping stones on the road to adulthood for kids who attend summer camp.

But, for some families, the cost of sending their child(ren) to camp is too much of a financial burden. At YMCA Camp Copneconic, we believe every child should have a chance to experience camp, regardless of their ability to pay. That is why we fundraise throughout the year so that we can ensure we can provide a camp experience for deserving youth in our community.

In 2024, the generosity of our community helped us send 251 campers to camp who otherwise may not have been able to attend. On behalf of every child that will visit YMCA Camp Copneconic this year, we thank our Partner with Youth Donors for their support and dedication to keeping camp available for all.



**Donations may be made on your camp registration form. If you or someone you know would benefit from a scholarship, application information is available when registering online, or at [campcopneconic.org](http://campcopneconic.org).**



**SCAN TO  
LEARN MORE  
AND APPLY!**

**KIDS NEED CAMP. CAMP  
NEEDS YOU.**

**TOO OLD TO ATTEND CAMP BUT STILL  
WANT IN ON THE FUN?**

Consider applying for one of our summer or year-round staff positions. We're looking for day and overnight camp counselors, program instructors, housekeepers, kitchen staff, and more.

# SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSES

**WE INVITE YOU TO PREVIEW OUR  
2025 SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS!**

Bring your friends and family for a FREE afternoon of programs and activities. Our staff will answer all your questions and give you a tour of our facility. Open houses run from 2-5 p.m.

**➤ APRIL 13 & MAY 18**

For more information,  
visit [campcopneconic.org](http://campcopneconic.org)  
or call 810.629.9622.

