

THE
Summer You'll
Never Forget
PLACE

No Place Like *This Place*™

COPNECONIC

The Good Times *Guaranteed* Place



At Camp Copneconic, campers experience moments that shape them for life — discovering resilience, building empathy, and finding their place in a community that feels like home.

Hello Campers and Families,

I am so excited for the summer of 2026! At YMCA Camp Copneconic, we know there is truly *No Place Like This Place*. Since 1915, campers have found a home here in the beauty of Michigan's outdoors, a place where friendships form around the campfire, courage grows on the challenge course, and laughter carries across the lake.

Camp is more than a program; it's a community. Every child who steps through our gates belongs here. We take pride in creating an environment where kids feel safe to try new things, supported as they grow, and celebrated for being exactly who they are. Our commitment as a YMCA means that camp is open to all.

Because we believe no child should miss out on the camp experience, we provide financial assistance, additional sibling discounts, and flexible payment options to make camp possible for every family.

The safety and well-being of your child is at the heart of everything we do. Our staff are carefully selected and extensively trained not only in activity leadership and emergency response, but in creating a secure, nurturing environment where campers can thrive. From the moment your child arrives, our team works tirelessly to ensure they are safe, cared for, and supported every step of the way.

For more than a century, families have trusted Camp Copneconic as a place where children become their best selves. Here, campers experience moments that shape them for life, discovering resilience, building empathy, and finding their place in a community that feels like home.

There really is no place like camp — and no place like *this* camp. We can't wait to welcome you this summer and share in the magic of this special place.

See you soon,

Thomas Bawden

Executive Director, YMCA Camp Copneconic

Unplug from technology, explore hands-on activities, and forge new friendships!



ACTIVITIES MAY INCLUDE:

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

OVERNIGHT CAMPS

The Push Past Your Limits Place

MINI CAMP

Entering Grades 4th – 8th

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. Campers will unplug from technology and tap into activities such as archery, kayaking, crafts, ziplining, and much more.

› June 28–July 1

OVERNIGHT CAMP

Entering 4th – 11th Grades

Overnight Camp at YMCA Camp Copneconic is where memories are made. Campers will unplug from technology, reconnect with nature, and form long-lasting friendships. Our sessions are packed with the classic camp activities such as swimming, boating, archery, crafts, high adventure, and Camper's Choice which allows campers to cultivate their own camp experience. Each night finishes with an all-camp activity culminating with our long-standing tradition of Closing Campfire on our last evening. There we celebrate the week and what a wonderful community camp brings together.

› July 5–10, July 12–17, July 19–24,
July 26–31, August 2–7, August 9–14

IMAGINATION FACTORY

Entering Grades 4th – 11th

Launch rockets, create simple machines, or save your egg from a 50-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 camps' most popular activities like zip lining, inflatable aqua toys, or relaxing at our hammockville.

› August 9–14

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 of Camp Copneconic's special camper's choice and evening activities.

› July 5–17

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING (CIT)

Entering 12th Grade

The CIT program provides a unique learning opportunity for campers who are aspiring to become camp counselors or future leaders. This program is a two-week experience that campers will take part in. CITs start their session with interactive workshops on camper management, communication skills, and leading activities. They will learn what truly goes into the making camp a magical and transformative place. During week two, CITs put their training into action as they shadow and assist counselors with an assigned cabin group.

› July 5–17



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, riding, equine health, grooming, identifying breeds, and animal respect. Half the day is spent at the Circle C Ranch and during the other half, campers take advantage of many traditional Copneconic activities.

› July 19–24, July 26–31

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. Days filled with horse time and special activities offered only during Horsemasters provide an enriching equestrian experience. Campers must have previous riding experience.

› August 2–7

OVERNIGHT CAMP THEMES

MINI CAMP: JUNE 28–JULY 1–Copneconic Arcade

SESSION 1: JULY 5–13–Copneconic Safari

SESSION 2: JULY 12–17–Game Show Mania

SESSION 3: JULY 19–24–Holidays Come to Life

SESSION 4: JULY 26–31–Gold Rush

SESSION 5: AUG. 2–7–Hollywood

SESSION 6: AUG. 9–14–Futuristic Fun



DAY CAMPS

The Making Friends for Life Place

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

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

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.

› June 29-July 3, August 10-14

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 13-17, July 27-31

FISH, FROGS & FORTS

Entering 1st – 4th Grades

Explore nature, build secret forts, hunt for frogs, and interact 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 15-19, July 13-17, August 3-7, August 17-21

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 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 6-10, July 20-24



COPNECONIC SURVIVORS

Entering 5th – 8th Grades

Campers learn survival skills and build lasting friendships 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 15-19, July 20-24

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.

› July 27-31

ACTIVITIES MAY INCLUDE:

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



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 6-10, August 3-7

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.

› June 29-July 3, August 10-14

MAD SCIENCE

Entering 5th – 8th Grades

Be amazed as your campers make things go BOOM! 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.

› July 20-24

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, and clay, 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.

› June 22-26, August 3-7

RODS & REELS

Entering 5th – 8th Grades

Anglers learn fundamental fishing skills such as habitat, baiting, casting, and setting the hook. Once they've mastered these skills on the pier and beach, campers take to boats on the lake 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 27-31

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 15-19, June 29-July 3, July 6-10, July 13-17, August 17-21

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 22-26, August 10-14



Themed Day Camps

ENTERING 1ST – 7TH GRADES

Campers build friendships, learn valuable life lessons, and make memories through a variety of fun and engaging programs offered daily during each of our one-week sessions. With age-progressive programming, campers can return year after year to experience new and exciting programs designed for each age group. Explore our weekly themes to discover the unique activities and experiences planned for your camper.

SUPERHEROES OF CAMP

Session A: June 15-19

Camp is in trouble and it's up to the campers and their superpowers to save it! Capes, masks, and tights are encouraged for this week full of super challenges, super heroes, and super fun!

OUTER SPACE ADVENTURE

Session B: June 22-26

Blast off into a week of cosmic fun! From alien crafts to space mission games, every day will be an interstellar adventure.

PARTY IN THE USA

Session C: June 29-July 3

Help celebrate America's birthday! We're dedicating this entire week to the Stars and Stripes, so come decked out in red, white, and blue, and be prepared for all the patriotic fun that Camp Copneconic has in store!

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Session D: July 6-10

Set off on a week-long expedition as campers explore the wonders of the outdoors and uncover nature's hidden treasures. Each day brings hands-on adventures, wildlife-inspired activities, and plenty of discoveries along the way.

WACKY WATER WEEK

Session E: July 13-17

Dive into a week of nonstop splashes, laughs, and water-themed challenges. From creative water games to refreshing activities, campers will stay cool while having a blast.

COPNECONIC'S GOT TALENT

Session F: July 20-24

Campers step into the spotlight as they show off their creativity, skills, and one-of-a-kind talents. From singing songs to performing skits, everyone gets a moment to shine.

WILD WEST WEEK

Session G: July 27-31

Saddle up for a rootin'-tootin' adventure packed week filled with western games, frontier crafts, and wild west fun!

MESSY MANIA

Session H: August 3-7

Get ready for a week where getting dirty is part of the fun! Campers dive into splashy, sticky, and squishy activities that encourage creativity, laughter, and carefree, all-out messy play.

COLOR CLASH

Session I: August 10-14

Get ready for a vibrant week filled with colorful challenges, creative art projects, and team spirit. Campers will compete in fun activities throughout the week to earn points for their color team.

PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE

Session J: August 17-21

Travel the world without leaving camp as each day brings a new country to explore. Campers enjoy global games, crafts, and cultures during this week-long international journey.



2026 PRICING

Day Camp Programs

Day Camps	\$350
Boots and Saddles	\$415
Horse Lovers	\$445

Overnight Camp Programs

Summer Mini Camp	\$589
Overnight Camps	\$885
Imagination Factory	\$925
Circle C Ranch	\$945
Horsemasters	\$980
Counselor in Training (2-Week Program)	\$1,075
Crazy About Copneconic (2-Week Program)	\$1,600



SIBLINGS
RECEIVE A
15%
DISCOUNT ON
CAMP FEES

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.

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.

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 all youth in our community.

In 2025, the generosity of our community helped us send 250 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.



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.



Scan to learn more and apply!

Summer Camp **OPEN HOUSES**

We invite you to preview our
2026 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 19 & May 3

For more information,
visit campcopneconic.org
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