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2023–2024 Vacation Full Days
at the Fanwood–Scotch Plains Y

For kids in grades kindergarten through 5



We are excited to offer our Vacation Full Days program for the 2023–2024 School Year. Our program runs on most days that the Scotch Plains–Fanwood public schools are not in session and provides parents with a safe and fun place to send their kids when school is out.

NOW AVAILABLE TO BOTH FSPY MEMBERS AND THE COMMUNITY!

Each Vacation Day has its own theme, with activities built around creativity and learning with a physical fitness component. Open Swim is also included each day, and select days feature trips off-site.

The program is held at our main YMCA building, 1340 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains from 7:00am–6:30pm. Prior registration is required and can be done online at fspymca.org/register under “Daxko Program Registration” or in-person at our YMCA’s Welcome Center.

Please read through the remainder of the brochure to learn more about our program. The registration/health form on pages 3 and 4 must be submitted upon in-person registration, or no later than 7 days before your first scheduled Vacation Day if you register [online](#).

Please note: Unless otherwise noted, please pack a brown bag lunch, bathing suit and towel each day.

Registration Information

- Registration may be done at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, 1340 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, or online at fspymca.org/register under "Daxko Program Registration."
- Payment and a registration form must be completed for each date attending. Space is limited, so early registration is suggested.
- If you are not currently a Y member, but wish to participate in Vacation Days, you must create a non-member account at fspymca.org/join-the-y and click "Join the Y Today," where a non-member option will be available. You also can visit our Welcome Center at 1340 Martine Avenue.
- Each date must have a minimum requirement of 12 children enrolled. If the Y cancels the program for certain dates due to low enrollment, 7 days notice will be given. Parents will be notified of any cancellation and will be refunded in full.
- If a participant needs to cancel enrollment, YMCA System Credits will only be given when 7 business days notice is received before the scheduled Vacation Full Day. No refunds will be applied if the participant cancels.



Program Information

- Program is open to children in kindergarten through 5th grade.
- All program participants must be signed in and out of the program. Children must be signed in no earlier than 7:00am and signed out by a parent no later than 6:30pm (select dates have an early dismissal).
- The daily program involves both active and quiet indoor and outdoor play (weather and schedule permitting).
- Some Vacation Full Day schedules include a trip to a site away from the YMCA, which requires walking or bus transportation. Children must arrive by 9:00am on trip days. Children must be prepared for the outdoors.
- An afternoon snack is served each Vacation Full Day.
- Trips in the past have included pumpkin picking, roller-skating, bowling, etc.

Location

Participants will be dropped off and picked up at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, 1340 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains.

What to Bring to Each Vacation Day

- Children must bring a morning snack, lunch with a drink (unless otherwise noted), extra water, bathing suit, and towel in a back pack.
- Sneakers and comfortable clothing are a must. Dress appropriately for outdoor weather.
- Please label everything with your child's name.
- Electronics, including Nintendo Switch, iPods, iPads, etc., are not permitted.
- The YMCA is not responsible for lost items.

Fees

- Open to Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA members and community members
- FSPY Member: \$83 per day/per child Community Member: \$110 per day/per child
- Fees must be paid in full at the time of registration

VACATION DAY THEMES

Tuesday, September 5: Olympic Day - It's all about teamwork! We'll go for the gold with different Olympic-style events, including gymnastics, swimming and outside relay races.

Wednesday, September 6: Wild Crazy Kids - This will be a day filled with wild and crazy play! Enjoy an obstacle course, making slimy goop, cooking up a messy but delicious treat, and wacky swim relays and challenges.

Monday, September 25: Alstede Farms Field Trip filled with pumpkin picking and fall fun! The bus will leave promptly at 9:00am. Remember to wear socks and sneakers and to pack lunch and a bathing suit/towel for later on.

Monday, October 9: Funplex trip with bumper cars, arcade games, laser tag and more! The bus will leave promptly at 9:00am. Remember to wear socks and sneakers and to pack lunch and a bathing suit/towel for later on.

Thursday, November 9: Rock and Roll Dance Party - Children will spend the day listening to different types of music and learning different dance styles. After, children will have fun participating in an obstacle course.

Friday, November 10: Wacky Wild Challenge - Pie a counselor in the face! Get messy and help your team win the ultimate team challenge. Children will participate in various team activities including gymnastics and swimming.

Tuesday, December 26: Hello Winter! Warm up with us inside while the weather is cold outside. Join us for a day of hot cocoa and toasty fun.

Wednesday, December 27: Animal Awareness – Join us for a day filled with all things animals. We will learn about animals from all over the world and even have a special guest visit from The Lizard Guys!

Thursday, December 28: Lights, Camera, Action! – This will be a fun-filled day of exciting camera play. Children will make their own commercials, help create an exciting game show, and learn about how TV is made.

Friday, December 29: New Year’s Eve Party – Party with us as we enjoy a day full of food, fun, and games! Children will enjoy a new year’s lunchtime countdown, complete with an apple cider toast and pizza lunch provided by the Y. Say goodbye to 2023 and hello to 2024.

Monday, January 15: Martin Luther King Jr. Day – join us today as we celebrate the message of Dr. MLK and continue to honor him by spreading unity, peace and equality for all. Children will participate in the Y service projects.

Monday, February 19: Super Hero Adventures – Superman, Spiderman, even the Hulk, you never know who might show up! Wear your favorite superhero costume and show off your super powers in a day full of good deeds and saving the Y from evil.

Monday, March 25: Space Station Exploration – Journey into the deepest regions of space! The Y will be transformed into a space station where children will enjoy a day of hands-on projects focused on space, the planets, and stars.

Tuesday, March 26: Jersey Lanes Bowling – We will depart at 9:30am to go bowling for 2 hours. Wear your craziest socks! We will return by 1:00pm. Don’t forget to pack lunch and a bathing suit/towel for swimming.

Wednesday, March 27: Under the Sea – We will journey under the sea and explore all the ocean has to offer including sea creatures, plant life, and sea mammals through hands-on projects.

Thursday, March 28: Funplex trip with bumper cars, arcade games, laser tag and more! The bus will leave promptly at 9:00am. Remember to wear socks and sneakers and to pack lunch and a bathing suit/towel for later on.

Friday, March 29: Around the World – Participants will be transported to different countries and learn about different customs. Hands-on activities will include cooking a snack from another country.

Wednesday, April 10: Ah Hoy Matey! Pirates Life for Me – Join us as we look for buried treasure somewhere around the Y. You never know where it might be!

Vacation Full Day Registration/Health Form

Please complete one form per child. Form must be submitted to our Welcome Center upon in-person registration or emailed to klizer@fspymca.org at least 7 days prior to your child’s first Vacation Day if registering [online](#).

Child’s Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Grade: _____ Male ___ Female ___
Address: _____ Town: _____ Home Phone: _____
Mother’s Name: _____ Father’s Name: _____
Employer’s Name: _____ Employer’s Name: _____
Business Address: _____ Business Address: _____
Business Phone: _____ ext. _____ Business Phone: _____ ext. _____
Cell #: _____ Cell #: _____
E-Mail: _____ E-Mail: _____

Please check off all dates you are registering your child. Full payment must be made for each date checked off.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> September 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> November 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> January 15 | <input type="checkbox"/> March 28 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> September 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> December 26 | <input type="checkbox"/> February 19 | <input type="checkbox"/> March 29 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> September 25 | <input type="checkbox"/> December 27 | <input type="checkbox"/> March 25 | <input type="checkbox"/> April 10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> October 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> December 28 | <input type="checkbox"/> March 26 | |
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FSPY Member Fees: Total # of days attending: _____ x \$83 \$ _____ Total

Community Member Fees: Total # of days attending: _____ x \$110 \$ _____ Total

Cancellations must be made 7 business days in advance of scheduled Vacation Full Day for a system credit. Program may be canceled if enrollment is less than 12 participants 7 days prior to program date and a refund will be issued. Refunds will not be given for days your child does not attend or for emergency closings. Days cannot be rescheduled.

Please turn over and complete the remainder of the form.

1. Emergency Numbers (other than parents)

Name: _____
Address: _____
Home #: _____
Work #: _____
Cell/Pager#: _____

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Cell/Pager #: _____

2. Authorization to pick up child (other than parents)

Name _____
Relation: _____ Phone #: _____
Name _____
Relation: _____ Phone #: _____

Name: _____
Relation: _____ Phone #: _____
Name: _____
Relation: _____ Phone #: _____

3. Physician's Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Please answer the following questions:

1. Does your child have any allergies, restrictions or any physical conditions of which we should be aware?

2. Does your child require any special attention, rescue medications or routines that may have to be taken into consideration during the program times? If rescue medication is needed, a separate form must be completed.

3. List any foods that your child should not be permitted to eat: _____

4. Please note any special concerns or information that would assist our staff in making your child's experience more enjoyable: _____

Permission Form

Transportation/Trip Authorization

I give permission for my child to participate in special outings that require bus transportation during the program.

Medical

I, _____ (parent/guardian) authorize the YMCA to obtain medical treatment for my child, _____, in the case of an emergency. I understand that any medical bills/insurance are my responsibility.

Photo Authorization

The YMCA has my permission to use photos of my child for YMCA publications and web page.

Behavioral Agreement

The YMCA promotes the character values of honesty, caring, respect and responsibility within the program. I understand that each child and parent must follow the program rules. Inappropriate behavior may involve disciplinary action and/or dismissal. Refunds will not be given to a participant who is dismissed from the program for behavioral reasons.

I have read and understand the above policies and the information contained within this brochure.

Parent's Name (Print) _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____