



## **East Orange YMCA Vacation Camp Dates & Themes 2025-2026 School Year**

Registration opens online September 9, 2025

### School Age Child Care PreK-8<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Location: Turrell Gym 159 N. Munn Ave East Orange NJ 07017
- Time: 8:00am-6:00pm
- Cost: \$39/day-members \$44-Community Members
- Registration takes place via [SGA-Pulse](#) or calling our Welcome Center 973-673-5588 or our Remote Welcome Center 973-758-9039
- Requests to cancel or change enrollment must be submitted 5 business days in advance or monies paid will be forfeited and no refund will be issued.
- Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Snack is provided.

***Here at the Y, considering the wellness of your child is paramount to us. If your child is a picky eater and you're sending them to our vacation camp where breakfast, lunch, and snacks are provided, please consider packing a non-microwaveable, nut-free lunch for them as it ensures that your child has something they are more likely to eat, especially if they are particular about their food choices.***

**Monday, October 13, 2025 – “Fall Into Fun”**

Celebrate the beauty of autumn with seasonal crafts, leaf hunts, and cozy team-building games.

**Wednesday, October 29, 2025 – “Out Of This World”**

Blast off into a week of discovery as kids explore exciting, hands-on science experiments and space-themed adventures! .

**Thursday, November 6, 2025 – “Fall Fest Frenzy”**

Celebrate the colors of autumn with leaf art, pumpkin bowling, and harvest-themed challenges. Kids will rotate through fun, hands-on seasonal stations.

**Friday, November 7, 2025 – “Artful Autumn”**

Explore fall through creativity — from acorn painting to DIY corn mosaics. It’s a relaxing and fun day filled with artistic expression using nature’s supplies.

**Monday, November 10, 2025 – “Gratitude Games”**

Get into the spirit of giving with team-building challenges and gratitude crafts. Campers will decorate “thank you” cards and jars of kindness to take home.

**Tuesday, November 11, 2025 – “Super Hero ”**

Unleash their inner heroes through action-packed games, creative missions, and team challenges that promote bravery, kindness, and problem-solving.

**Tuesday, December 23, 2025 – “Winter Wonders Around the World”**

Explore global winter celebrations like Christmas in Germany, Las Posadas in Mexico, and St. Lucia Day in Sweden through crafts, songs, and games.

**Friday, December 26, 2025 – “Festival of Lights”**

Learn about holidays that use light as a symbol — like Hanukkah, Diwali, and Kwanzaa — with hands-on crafts, glowing games, and cultural storytelling.

**Monday, December 29 – “Global Holiday Traditions”**

Take part in music, food, and fun from places like the Philippines, Ethiopia, and Italy. Campers will make cultural ornaments and explore how different countries celebrate the season.

**Tuesday, December 30, 2025 – “Glow into the New Year”**

A neon-themed celebration with glow stick dance parties, glow art, and time capsule making. Campers will reflect on the year and dream big for the next.

**Friday, January 2, 2026 – “New Year, New Fun!”**

Start the year with goal-setting games, vision board crafting, and winter obstacle courses. It’s a fresh and inspiring way to jump into January.

**Monday, February 16, 2026 – “Camp Sweetheart”**

Celebrate kindness and friendship with heart crafts, compliment circles, and fun challenges that spread joy and love around camp.

**Tuesday, March 10, 2026 – “Game On”** Children will dive into the exciting world of sports through fun games, skill-building challenges, and teamwork activities inspired by March Madness

**Wednesday, March 11, 2026 – “Color Wars”**

Get ready for a high-energy showdown as teams face off in a series of fun, friendly competitions that build teamwork, spirit, and sportsmanship!

**Monday, April 6, 2026 – “Camp Explorers”**

Start the week with an outdoor adventure day filled with scavenger hunts, nature crafts, and team challenges.

**Tuesday, April 7, 2026 – “Messy Madness”**

Dive into slime, paint splatter, water games, and more! It’s a day for controlled chaos and messy creativity.

**Wednesday, April 8, 2026 – “Spring Carnival”**

Enjoy the ultimate camp carnival with games, face painting, prizes, and sweet treats. Campers rotate through booths and performances.

**Thursday, April 9, 2026 – “STEAM Quest”**

Hands-on science, building, and experiments! Campers explore volcanoes, build bridges, and create inventions in a day full of curiosity.

**Friday, April 10, 2026 – “Camp’s Got Talent”**

Close out the week with a fun talent show, dress-up play, and camper-led performances. Campers express themselves through song, dance, comedy, and more!

**Thursday, May 28, 2026 – “School’s Out Bash”**

Celebrate the end of the school year with a water balloon battle, dance party, and field games. It’s the ultimate kickoff to summer fun!