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SUMMER CAMP 2025 FAQs MADISON AREA YMCA

1. My child is enrolled in preschool and not entering kindergarten this year. Do I have to register them for camp?

Your child's preschool enrollment ends June 20. Your option for the summer would be MiniQuest Full-Day or Half-Day at Kirby. You can also plan vacations around camp weeks.

2. My child is enrolled in Young 3s - what are their options?

If your child is three years old and fully toilet trained, you can sign them up for MiniQuest Full-Day or Half-Day at Kirby or keep them in Young 3s until preschool begins in September.

3. My child is entering kindergarten. Which camp do I register for?

If your child is entering kindergarten, you can sign them up for KidsQuest and/or SpecialtyQuest.

4. I'm not sure if my child will go to kindergarten this September and I won't be able to make that decision for a few more months. Can I register them for MiniQuest even if they go to kindergarten?

To ensure you have space at Camp, you can register them for MiniQuest or Kidsquest until a final September decision is made. Once your decision is made, the Quest Camps team will adjust enrollment to reflect all changes.

5. Can my child stay in preschool at the Kirby Center for the summer?

No, preschool will end on June 20, 2025 and begin again in September.

6. What are the weeks of camp?

The first day of camp is Monday, June 16 and the last day is Friday, August 22.

7. What do we do for the week of August 25?

There are full-day and half-day Mini Clinics available for registration, led by dedicated and trained Sports, Gymnastics, and the School of Performing Arts (SOPA) staff at the Family Center.

8. What is the difference between preschool and MiniQuest?

While both programs offer enriching experiences, MiniQuest is a more flexible, activity-driven option compared to the structured curriculum of preschool.

MiniQuest provides engaging academic activities such as art, circle time, STEAM projects, and gross motor play. A highlight of MiniQuest is *Fun Friday* each week, featuring exciting events hosted by outside vendors, such as reptile shows, bubble shows, magic acts, foam parties, Kona Ice, and more. Additionally, MiniQuest campers enjoy swim lessons at the Madison Area YMCA's Family Center twice a week, which are included as part of the program. This unique combination of fun and learning makes MiniQuest a great choice for families seeking a dynamic and adventurous experience for their child.

9. Are the preschool teachers going to be working in camp?

Our preschool teachers have been offered to work at Quest camp this summer.

10. Will my child still nap in MiniQuest?

Yes, MiniQuest Full Day does have a rest period.

11. Will my child's spot in Preschool in September be jeopardized?

No. The new school year registration links will be rolled out in May, and you can register them for their current preschool class then.

12. Will summer enrollment change for Infants & Toddlers as well?

No, Infants, Toddlers & Young 3s will still be running on a year-round schedule.

13. What is Camp's refund or cancellation policy?

At the time of registration, a \$100 enrollment fee is required. The \$100 enrollment fee is nonrefundable. Campers may withdraw from a week of camp up to 10 days prior to the scheduled payment date for the week. At the time, the down payment for the camp week will be forfeited. If a withdrawal from a week less than 10 days prior to the scheduled payment for the week is requested, full payment is required.

Summer Camp withdrawal: [MADISON AREA YMCA CAMP WITHDRAWAL FORM 2025 \(Page 1 of 2\)](#)

14. Is the deposit non-refundable? Is it a weekly deposit, or is it a one-time deposit for the full summer?

There is a one-time nonrefundable camp enrollment fee.

15. Can I sign up for one week at a time or do I have to sign up for sessions?

You can sign up for sessions which are two consecutive weeks at a time, or you can sign up for one week at a time which is referred to as a "Drop-In week"

16. Is there a discount if we sign up for the full 10 weeks?

Yes, there is a full summer reduced fee, that is applied at time of registration.

17. I currently need care between 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. Are the camp hours the same?

Camp hours are 8:30-4:30 with additional before and/or after care. This applies to MiniQuest full day and KidsQuest. SpecialtyQuest does not have before/after care and MiniQuest half day is 8:30-12:30. There is a \$50 fee for Before Care (7-8:30 a.m.) and \$50 fee for After Care (4:30-6 p.m.).

18. I only need three days of care per week, which is what my child attends at Kirby. Is there any similar option for MiniQuest, or do I have to enroll five days? Registration for Quest Camps is for the full week.

19. Are meals offered at Quest Camps?

Yes. A Google form will be sent out weekly to select lunch options.

- MiniQuest Full Day meals are Morning Snack, Lunch and Afternoon Snack.
- MiniQuest Half day meals are Morning Snack and Lunch
- KidsQuest/SpecialtyQuest/LIT meals are Lunch and Afternoon Snack.

20. Do I have to register the day registration opens? Will spots be filled right away, or do I have time to figure out our plans?

Camp registration begins on January 13, but you do not need to have it all figured out by then. While spots typically fill up in the spring, you will have time to finalize your plans before summer begins.

21. What is the cost?

The fee schedule is attached.

Summer Camp planner: [quest-camps-2025-planner.pdf](#)

22. Why are you making this change?

This decision comes after months of careful planning and research into enrollment trends. We want to provide our families with the opportunity to explore our camp and other summer offerings without the concern of losing their preschool spot.

23. Has this been communicated to parents before?

Yes, this was communicated last summer when 2024-2025 school year registration links were sent out.

24. Will this be the way summer is planned for years to come?

This is our first year implementing a different summer program than we are used to. At this time, we cannot confirm if it will be a permanent offering. The decision for future summers will depend on the outcomes and feedback from this year's summer.

25. What is the camper-to-staff ratio per group?

- MiniQuest Full Day and Half Day ratio is 1:6.
- KidsQuest/SpecialtyQuest ratio is 1:10.
- LIT ratio is 1:15.

26. What is the maximum number of children per session or group?

There are 20-25 campers per group with staff to meet the ratio.

27. What is the drop-off and pickup procedure? Times, location, ID requirements?

- Drop -off is 8:30-9 a .m. at all locations.
- Pickup is 4:30-4:45 p.m. at all locations.
- All campers must have their information inputted into EPACT to confirm authorized pickup. Photo IDs are checked based on information provided in EPACT.

28. How will you communicate with parents during camp?

Parents will receive weekly emails from the Quest Camps team and daily communication from the Quest Camps Counselors. Parents can also email Questcamps@madisonymca.org with any questions.

29. Are there any behavior or attendance policies that parents should be aware of?

Quest camps follows similar behavior and attendance policies and all Madison Area YMCA programs. Parents will email Questcamps@madisonymca.org if campers will not attend camp. If there is no communication for two consecutive days, the Quest Camps team will reach out to the family for a wellness check.