

A close-up photograph of a young girl with light brown hair, smiling warmly at the camera. She is wearing a red, short-sleeved, smocked top. Her hands are held out in front of her, and a small ladybug is perched on her right index finger. The background is a bright, sunny outdoor setting with green trees and a clear blue sky. In the background, another child in a pink shirt is visible, slightly out of focus.

OLD TOWN - ORONO YMCA
2026 SUMMER CAMP GUIDE

HOW TO LOCK IN THE BEST PRICES FOR THE BEST SUMMER EVER

1. Register for 2026 Summer Camps before January 1st and you'll receive 2025 pricing for that program!

2. Start a Family Membership and receive an additional discount!*

*must maintain active Family Membership through August 31

3. Sign up for a Full Time week of Camp Compass Roots and get 40% off any half-day specialty camp on the same week!

4. Have multiple kids that all want to be a part of the best summer ever?

Ask about our multi-child discounts!

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

At the Y, we're committed to reducing financial barriers for families so everyone has access to opportunities to learn, grow, and thrive.

Thanks to the generous support of our Annual Campaign donors and funding from the Old Town - Orono YMCA Foundation, we proudly offer income-based Financial Assistance for Membership, Child Care, and Programs, including Summer Camp, ensuring everyone in our community can experience everything the Y has to offer.

Visit OTOYMCA.org/join and select "APPLY NOW!" under "Financial Assistance" to see if you qualify for financial support today!

In addition to our Financial Assistance program, we're also honored to support many of our hometown heroes and their families, including First Responders, Healthcare Workers, Teachers, Active Duty Service Members, and Veterans, with special discounted rates as our way of saying thank you for all they do.

Curious if you qualify? Call or stop by the Y today!



Want to help us make sure every child in our community can have the best summer ever?

Scan here or visit OTOYMCA.org/give

SUMMER ADVENTURE STARTS HERE

At the Y, summer is all about big smiles, messy hands, endless adventures, and non-stop fun!

It's where kids build lasting friendships, explore their passions, and discover a place they truly belong. From cannonball contests and nature walks to creative projects and team challenges, every day is filled with chances for campers to step outside their comfort zones and make memories they'll talk about long after summer ends.

Whether your child is joining us for the first time or returning for another unforgettable season, you can count on the Y for inclusive, affordable, and action-packed opportunities to grow, explore, and have fun all summer long. From sports to STEM, arts to outdoor adventures, every program reflects our commitment to helping youth stay active, curious, and connected to their community.

This year, we're excited to offer both a traditional Day Camp experience with Camp Compass Roots and an even wider variety of half-day specialty camps for kids hoping to dive deeper into their interests or try something completely new!

No matter which camps you choose, you can feel confident knowing your child is spending their time off from school in safe, engaging indoor and outdoor spaces supported by our caring, experienced staff. Whether they spend a full day with us or just a few hours, campers will unplug, play, and experience a summer full of connection, creativity, and confidence they'll never forget!

WHAT'S NEW IN 2026?

For kids hoping to spend their whole day at the Y, we've been hard at work reimagined what Day Camp looks like with our new Camp Compass Roots. Campers can look forward to exciting field trips throughout the summer, new adventures, and plenty of fun in the sun with their friends!

We've expanded our Creative Explorers specialty camp series with more weeks and a wider age range, giving more kids the chance to cook, create, and experiment all summer long. We're also thrilled to introduce a brand new week, Dream Designers, for all of our young fashionistas!

And of course, no camp season would be complete without swimming and poolside fun with friends! For the first time ever, we're bringing our signature April Break Swim Camp into the summer sunshine so kids can dive into even more aquatic adventures!

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CAMP COMPASS ROOTS

ENTERING KINDERGARTEN TO 12 YEARS OLD • 7 AM – 5:30 PM

Find your path. Grow your passions. Discover your next great adventure.

Camp Compass Roots is the place where kids learn to lead by example, communicate with kindness, and support their peers through hands-on challenges, structured activities, creative play, and plenty of time outdoors.

Whether your child is shy or social, passionate about science, sports, or art, our dedicated staff meet them where they are and help them build confidence while discovering the leader within themselves.

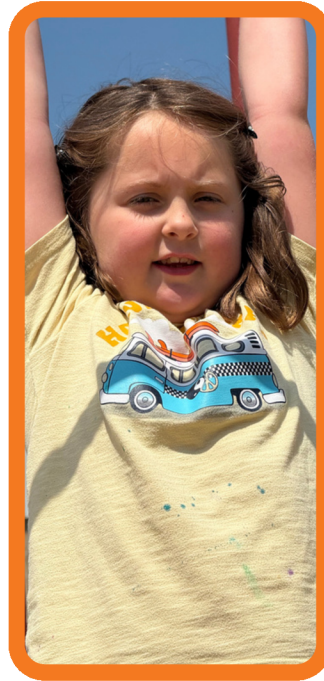
From solving problems together and trying new things right at the Y to exciting field trips that fuel curiosity and connection, every adventure helps campers unplug, find their spark, and form friendships that last far beyond the summer.

With a mix of indoor and outdoor activities, no two days are the same. It's a high energy, hands-on experience designed to keep kids active, engaged, and always eager for the next adventure. Surrounded by supportive friends and trusted adults, campers discover new passions, strengthen essential life skills, and create stories they'll be excited to share long after the camp season ends.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Outdoor nature exploration
- Arts and crafts
- Science and engineering activities
- Swim lessons + free swim
- Open gymnastics and tumbling play
- Sports, group games, and relays
- Field trips throughout the summer

To ensure camp remains accessible to families across our community, we're proud to accept state subsidies, offer multi-child discounts, and provide income-based financial assistance.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

WEEK 1	June 15 - 19
WEEK 2	June 22 - 26
WEEK 3	June 29 - July 3
WEEK 4	July 6 - 10
WEEK 5	July 13 - 17
WEEK 6	July 20 - 24
WEEK 7	July 27 - 31
WEEK 8	August 3 - 7
WEEK 9	August 10 - 14
WEEK 10	August 17 - 21



REGISTRATION & FEES

To enroll your child for Camp Compass Root:

- Complete and return the 2026 Registration Packet*
- Pay the one time, non-refundable Activity Fee
- Pay the non-refundable \$280 deposit**

2026 WEEKLY FEES
(DUE 3 DAYS IN ADVANCE)

FULL TIME
(5 DAYS)

PART TIME
(3 DAYS)

STANDARD RATE

\$290

\$205

ACTIVE FAMILY
MEMBERSHIP

\$260

\$175

*Registrations will be processed in the order completed packets are received; however, full-time enrollments will receive priority

**Deposit will be applied to your weekly fees for the first week(s) of camp

CANCELLATION POLICY • We strongly encourage families to plan ahead! If you cancel on or after June 1st you will be required to pay 100% of the weekly registration fees and no refunds will be given.

NEW THIS SUMMER

Our Activity Fees have been restructured! This year, we're offering three levels to choose from based on what you're comfortable paying. In addition to our tiered Activity Fee pricing, we also offer income-based financial assistance.

BACKCOUNTRY BASICS

\$75

This adjusted fee covers only the basic field trip fees and camp shirts

EXPLORATION ESSENTIALS

\$100

This partially subsidized fee is designed for those who can support our basic field trip costs as well as additional transportation and activity expenses

FRONTIER FUEL

\$125

POWERING THE ULTIMATE SUMMER ADVENTURE!

This fee most accurately accounts for the true cost of our summer adventures, including basic costs, transportation and activity expenses, and our daily snacks and meals



CREATIVE EXPLORERS

5 TO 10 YEARS OLD • 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Dream it. Design it. Discover it.

Our Creative Explorers specialty camps help young chefs, artists, inventors, and makers unlock their creativity and bring big ideas to life. Each week is filled with hands-on projects and imaginative activities, ranging from tasty kitchen creations and eye-opening STEM experiments to nature-inspired art and fashion design, giving kids the chance to explore new interests while building confidence in their creative abilities.

Our passionate staff are experts at helping every child unleash their creativity. Campers spend their mornings diving into engaging projects tailored to their ages and skill levels, celebrating self-expression, and growing their sense of curiosity and discovery. With supportive adults leading the way, Creative Explorers is the place where kids feel inspired, valued, and excited to bring their ideas to life!

WEEKLY FEES & PACKAGES

2026 WEEKLY FEES (DUE AT REGISTRATION)	Creative Explorers ONLY	PACKAGE: Creative Explorers & Camp Compass Roots (NOT INCLUDING CCR FEES)
STANDARD RATE	\$180	\$108
ACTIVE FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	\$130	\$78



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

WEEK 1	June 15 – 19	NO CREATIVE EXPLORERS
WEEK 2	June 22 – 26	NO CREATIVE EXPLORERS
WEEK 3	June 29 – July 3	CULINARY KIDS
WEEK 4	July 6 – 10	NO CREATIVE EXPLORERS
WEEK 5	July 13 – 17	DREAM DESIGNERS
WEEK 6	July 20 – 24	CULINARY KIDS
WEEK 7	July 27 – 31	NO CREATIVE EXPLORERS
WEEK 8	August 3 – 7	IMAGINATION UNLEASHED
WEEK 9	August 10 – 14	CULINARY KIDS
WEEK 10	August 17 – 21	FUTURE INNOVATORS



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ECO CREATIONS

Made with nature. Inspired by conservation.

Budding eco-artists transform recycled and natural materials into original creations and garden projects. Through daily discussions and hands-on activities centered on sustainability, campers discover how everyday objects can spark big ideas and how their art makes a positive impact on the world around them.



CULINARY KIDS

Whisked with wonder. Shared with joy.

Young chefs step into the kitchen for a week of delicious discovery and culinary creativity! Campers learn kitchen basics as they mix, measure, experiment with kid-friendly recipes, and develop confidence and lifelong skills with every bite.

Does your child have allergies or dietary restrictions?

Please let us know by emailing Nicole.McClendon@OTOYMCA.org when you register!



FUTURE INNOVATORS

Built with curiosity. Driven by discovery.

Science and engineering come alive as campers tackle STEM missions and hands-on experiments that challenge them to problem-solve, invent, and explore. Along the way, they'll earn innovation badges and gain confidence in their abilities to test ideas, think outside the box, and take on new challenges.



DREAM DESIGNERS

Designed with flair. Worn with confidence.

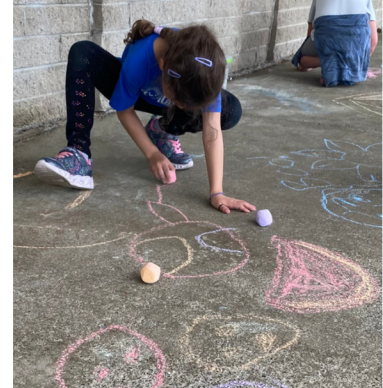
Fashion meets imagination and individuality as campers craft fashion-forward projects using age-appropriate sewing and design techniques. From accessories to mini-collections, kids explore their personal style throughout the week, ending with a special Runway Show for their families and friends!



IMAGINATION UNLEASHED

Created with boldness. Expressed with heart.

Artists explore a world of texture, color, technique, and movement as they experiment with clay, paint, tie-dye, pastels, chalk, and so much more! Each day offers new ways to express big ideas and create one-of-a-kind masterpieces that showcase their artistic style, imagination, and unique perspective.



CHEER & GYMNASTICS

GYMNASTICS

Build your courage. Watch your skills soar.

Help your child develop strength, confidence, and body awareness in a safe and supportive environment. From first time gymnasts to experienced athletes, our coaches ensure every camper builds coordination, gains courage and celebrates every breakthrough along the way!

REC GYMNASTICS CAMP

Ages 6+ • 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Campers learn new skills on floor, beam, bars, and vault through safe, level-appropriate stations and drills that reinforce proper technique. No matter their previous experience, all athletes are supported, challenged, and encouraged every step of the way.

OTO GYMNASTICS TEAM CAMP

Ages 6+ • 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM (Tuesday - Friday)

For athletes competing with the OTO Gymnastics Team, this camp blends structured skill development with fun team-building activities and conditioning. Gymnasts build excitement for the upcoming season and sharpen their skills before ending the week with a team sleepover that strengthens connections and creates lasting memories.

ALL ATHLETES SHOULD BRING SNACKS AND A WATER BOTTLE TO CAMP DAILY

Stay tuned for an email from our coaches this spring with more information, including pick-up and drop-off sites, a full list of what to bring to camp, daily schedules, and details on any field trips or other special activities!



WEEKLY FEES

2026 WEEKLY FEES (DUE AT REGISTRATION)	GUEST RATES	MEMBER RATES
REC GYMNASTICS, TUMBLING, AND CHEER TUMBLE & JUMP	\$175	\$115
BEGINNER CHEER	\$250	\$175
EXPERIENCED CHEERLEADER	\$230	\$160
TEAM CAMPS	\$300 (CHEER ONLY)	\$250

CHEERING

Find your voice. Let your spirit shine.

Help your child build confidence, teamwork, and spirit in a positive environment where every athlete is encouraged to grow! Whether they're brand new to cheer or have years of experience, campers will develop new skills, celebrate each other's successes, and discover the joy of expressing themselves and supporting their team.

BEGINNER CHEER CAMP

Ages 4+ • 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Perfect for new cheerleaders and those with under two years of experience, this camp introduces basic motions, jumps, and stunts in a safe, supportive environment. Athletes build confidence and spirit as they discover the joy of cheer from day one.

EXPERIENCED CHEERLEADER CAMP

Ages 6+ • 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Designed for athletes with two or more years of experience, this camp focuses on advancing skills and strengthening technique. Athletes grow as leaders while challenging themselves, supporting their teammates, and celebrating progress together.

TUMBLING CAMP

Ages 6+ • 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Campers spend the week progressing and refining their tumbling skills through safe and level-appropriate drills that emphasize proper form, body control, and technique. Athletes build strength, consistency, and confidence as they grow their skills step by step.

CHEER JUMP & TUMBLE CAMP

Ages 6+ • 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Campers are introduced to beginner jump technique and foundational tumbling skills in a supportive and high-energy environment. Athletes build coordination, strength, and confidence through level-appropriate drills that focus on safe skill development.

OTO CHEER TEAM CAMP

Ages 6+ • 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM (Monday - Thursday)

For athletes preparing to compete for OTO Cheer in the 2026-2027 season, Team Camp blends conditioning and skill development with a variety of fun activities! Athletes can expect to connect with teammates, build skills, and step confidently into the upcoming season.

YOUTH SPORTS & SWIM

Soccer Camp

Ages 5-10 • 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM (Monday – Thursday)

This camp helps players strengthen their essential soccer skills and build field awareness with game-style play and developmentally-appropriate drills. With experienced coaches and plenty of opportunities to try new things, athletes gain confidence and improve coordination while enjoying team-focused fun!

Basketball Camp

Ages 5-10 • 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM (Monday – Thursday)

From dribbling to defense, athletes build fundamental basketball skills through engaging drills and fun, team-based games. As they pass, shoot, and score, campers grow their confidence on the court while developing sportsmanship, communication skills, and a love for the game.

All Sports Camp

Ages 5-10 • 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM (Monday – Thursday)

Campers rotate through a variety of sports, including soccer, basketball, flag football, and wiffleball, while learning fundamentals, practicing teamwork, and boosting their overall athleticism. With encouraging coaches and a new game each day, athletes will stay active and have plenty of fun along the way.

Developmental Swim Camp

Ages 6-12 • 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM (Monday – Thursday)

Perfect for both kids who are curious about competitive swimming and current age-group swimmers, Developmental Camp builds strong fundamentals, fosters a love for the sport, and helps athletes feel strong, confident, and capable. With high-quality coaching and positive reinforcement, campers work through a variety of in-water drills, play-based dryland activities, and team-building games that help them grow as swimmers while building leadership and communication skills that will serve them far beyond the pool deck.

High Performance Swim Camp

Ages 11+ • 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Monday – Thursday)

Grow your confidence, build resilience, and discover what it means to train with passion and purpose! Under the careful guidance of our experienced CCSC Coaching Staff, advanced age group and senior-level athletes take their training to the next level with four days of dryland, in-water skills and drills, goal-setting sessions, and team-building activities designed to elevate performance and redefine what's possible.



WEEKLY FEES

2026 WEEKLY FEES (DUE AT REGISTRATION)	GUEST RATES	MEMBER RATES
SOCCER CAMP	\$150	\$130
BASKETBALL CAMP	\$160	\$130
ALL SPORTS CAMP	\$160	\$130
DEVELOPMENTAL SWIM CAMP	\$215	\$140
HIGH PERFORMANCE SWIM CAMP	\$350	\$275

SPACE IS LIMITED!



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over the phone,
or at the Y today



FILL EVERY WEEK WITH EXPLORATION & ADVENTURE

	DATES	CREATIVE EXPLORERS	CHEER	GYMNASTICS	SPORTS	SWIM
WEEK 1	June 15 - 19			Rec Gymnastics		
WEEK 2	June 22 - 26		Beginner Cheer			
WEEK 3	June 29 - July 2	Culinary Kids	Experienced Cheerleader			
WEEK 4	July 6 - 10				All Sports	
WEEK 5	July 13 - 17	Dream Designers			Basketball	
WEEK 6	July 20 - 24	Culinary Kids	Tumbling	Rec Gymnastics	Soccer	
WEEK 7	July 27 - 31			Rec Gymnastics		
WEEK 8	August 3 - 7	Imagination Unleashed		Rec Gymnastics		Developmental Swim Camp
WEEK 9	August 10 - 14	Culinary Kids	Cheer Jump & Tumble			High Performance Swim Camp
WEEK 10	August 17 - 21	Future Innovators	OTO Cheer Team Camp	OTO Gymnastics Team Camp		





BEFORE YOU REGISTER

If this is your first time registering for an Old Town - Orono YMCA program, you'll need to create an online account by visiting OTOYMCA.org and selecting "MEMBER LOGIN" under "MENU". In the upper right corner, select "SIGN UP" and follow the prompts to either sign up for an Old Town - Orono YMCA membership or create a Guest account.

REGISTRATION

CAMP COMPASS ROOTS

To enroll in Camp Compass Roots, you must return a completed registration packet and pay both the non-refundable deposit, which will be applied to your weekly fees, and the non-refundable Activity Fee. Packets are available both online at OTOYMCA.org/camp and at the Y. Registrations will be processed in the order they are received; however, priority will be given to full-time enrollments.

SPECIALTY CAMPS (Creative Explorers, Cheer, Gymnastics, Sports, Swim)

When registration kicks off on December 1st, priority will be given to full-time enrollment. Depending on availability, some camps may offer part-time or single-day registration beginning March 1st. To register online, visit OTOYMCA.org/camp and select "REGISTER TODAY". To register in person or by phone, please ensure you have created an online account before calling or visiting the Y.

MEMBER RATES

Old Town - Orono YMCA Family Members enjoy discounted Camp Compass Roots and Creative Explorers fees and all Old Town - Orono YMCA Members receive discounted pricing for Cheer, Gymnastics, Sports, and Swim Camps.

Your membership must remain current through August 31st, 2026 to be eligible for these discounted rates. If you cancel your membership or change from a Family Member to an Individual Member, you will automatically be charged the difference of the rates for all prior, current, and future camp registrations at the time of the membership change.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

We strongly encourage families to plan ahead this summer!

- If you choose to cancel your camp registration(s) on or after June 1st you will be required to pay 100% of the weekly registration fees for all camps at the time of cancellation and no refunds will be given.
- If you cancel before June 1st, only your Activity Fee (Camp Compass Roots ONLY) and non-refundable deposits (Camp Compass Roots: \$280; Specialty Camps: \$25/week) will be applied. If your Activity Fee and/or deposit(s) have not been paid, you will automatically be charged at the time of cancellation.
- In the event of unexpected facility closures or significant changes to the camp schedule, registration fees may be partially refunded at the discretion of the relevant Program Director.
- No refunds or credits will be offered for time missed due to personal conflicts; however, exceptions may be made at the discretion of the relevant Program Director for those with a diagnosed medical condition.





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