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CAMP HAZEN YMCA OVERNIGHT CAMP 2026 PROGRAM GUIDE TWO WEEK SESSION

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PROGRAM GUIDE

This booklet is full of all of the activities Hazen has to offer. They are separated by Program Areas (Creative Arts, Land Sports, Outdoor Pursuits and Water Sports) based on the camper's grade they will be entering in the fall. How you sign up for classes is different depending on the session you attend. Find your session below to learn how to best use this guide.

Progressive Programming

For activities, campers are split groups based on grade: 3rd - 5th Grade, 6th - 8th Grade, and 9th - 10th Grade. Each age group has a unique offering of classes. Please refer to the chart on the next page for this list. The progressive style to our programming ensures there is something new to look forward to year to year at Hazen. Within a class, our staff are trained to teach to the level of the child. This means that a Guitar class, for instance, can have beginners and advanced players at the same time!

Traditional Camp - Two Week Sessions: A,B,C & D

4/5 Day Skill Classes

Camp Hazen YMCA is committed to giving children skills! Our program areas are intentionally focused on introducing activities to our campers and then teaching them to develop these skills. Over a two week period, each camper will take 7 skill classes (5-days in the first week, 4-days in the second). Each class lasts for one hour and fifteen minutes. During the course of a class, campers will be taught the basics and then given the opportunity to advance their skills through practice under the guidance of trained staff. Hazen has developed a detailed curriculum, and each of our counselors follow thorough lesson plans to ensure quality and consistency in our program areas. In just these two weeks, campers may develop an interest that will last a lifetime!

Program Sign Ups

Campers will take up to four skill classes each day. In your [CampInTouch account](#) fill out the Activity Preference Form by ranking all of the available activities and submitting the form PRIOR to your child's arrival.

The Activity Preference Form will take each camper's choice of activities in their age group and generate a two week schedule based on the order of their desire to participate and class availability. On the campers' first morning at camp, they will be given schedules based on those preferences. After the first day of classes, if campers wish to switch or change their schedule, they may talk to the program area directors.

3rd to 5th Graders

We want our youngest campers to have a well rounded program experience. Therefore, each camper will sign up for bundle of activities from each program area. The classes are made up of a group of activities within a specific program (i.e. Land Sports Bundle A includes one day of Skateboarding, Archery, Basketball, Gaga & Tennis.) Before camp, use the online 'Activity Preference Form' campers will have the chance to rank their ideal bundle selection.

6th to 10th Graders

Campers in 6th through 10th graders have the chance to take multiple classes in their favorite Program Area in one day based on preference and class availability! Every camper will take at least one class, but up to three, in Water Sports and Outdoor Pursuits. Based on their preferences they will also have the chance to take a total of zero to two classes in Creative Arts and Land Sports. These will total to 7 skill classes over the course of the two week session! This is done simply by ranking those classes near the top of their 'Activity Preference Form' on your CampInTouch account.

One Week Sampler Camp Sessions

Program Sign Ups: Campers should complete the Activity Preference Sampler Camp form to sign up for Bundles of Activities PRIOR to their arrival. Each program area will have several Bundle for campers to choose from. The Bundles contain a collection of activities within each program area (i.e. Land Sports Bundle A includes one day of Skateboarding, Archery, Basketball, Gaga & Tennis). Our goal is to give campers a diverse sampling of activities offered.

SKILL CLASSES

	Grades 3,4,5	Grades 6,7,8	Grades 9, 10
WS Water Sports	Swim Instruction** WS Bundle A** WS Bundle B** WS Bundle C**	Swim Instruction** Paddle Sports** Sailing** Windsurfing*** Water Sports Choice**	Lifeguard Skills*** Paddle Sports** Sailing** Windsurfing*** Water Sports Choice**
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OP Outdoor Pursuits	OP Bundle A** OP Bundle B** OP Bundle C**	Climbing*** Mountain Biking*** OP Choice* Outdoor Cooking* Outdoor Survival* (fishing, shelters, fire building & cordage)	Belay Skills*** (Age 14+) Climbing*** Mountain Biking*** OP Choice* Outdoor Cooking* Outdoor Survival* (fire-by-friction & raft building)

*** Denotes the estimated degree of physical challenge of activity**

Take a look through this booklet to see what activities we have to offer. On the campers' first morning at camp, they will be given schedules based on those preferences.

Activities for 3rd – 5th Graders

OUTDOOR PURSUITS

OP Bundle A

Day 1: Climbing @ Climbing Wall

Day 2: Climbing @ Alpine Tower

Day 3: Fishing

Day 4: Outdoor Cooking

First Week Only:

Day 5: Shelter Building

OP Bundle B

Day 1: Fishing

Day 2: Climbing @ Deadman's Cliff

Day 3: Shelter Building

Day 4: Outdoor Cooking

First Week Only:

Day 5: Outdoor Cooking

OP Bundle C

Day 1: Climbing @ Climbing Wall

Day 2: Climbing @ Alpine Tower

Day 3: Outdoor Cooking

Day 4: Games in the Woods

First Week Only:

Day 5: Climbing @ Alpine Tower



Activities for 3rd - 5th Graders

LAND SPORTS

LS Bundle A

Day 1: Archery
Day 2: Archery
Day 3: Soccer
Day 4: Pillo Polo
First Week Only:
Day 5: Gaga

LS Bundle B

Day 1: Skateboarding
Day 2: Archery
Day 3: Basketball
Day 4: Gaga
First Week Only:
Day 5: Tennis

LS Bundle C

Day 1: Pillo Polo
Day 2: Gaga
Day 3: Soccer
Day 4: Tennis
First Week Only:
Day 5: Basketball



Activities for 3rd - 5th Graders

WATER SPORTS

Swim Instruction

These skill classes teach campers how to improve their swim strokes. Camp Hazen staff incorporate fun games while teaching skills appropriate for each swim level. See how much you can improve your skills in one week! Campers who have tested as a Polliwog, Guppy, Minnow, or Fish get to enjoy one week of swim lessons in addition to their choice activity in Water Sports. **IMPORTANT:** Swim instruction is not a class you sign up for, it's assigned on the first day based on swim level.

WS Bundle A

Day 1: Kayaking
Day 2: Kayaking
Day 3: Canoeing
Day 4: Water Mat
First Week Only:
Day 5: Free Swim

WS Bundle B

Day 1: Water Trampoline
Day 2: Kayaking
Day 3: Paddleboarding
Day 4: Water Games
First Week Only:
Day 5: Water Games

WS Bundle C

Day 1: Water Games
Day 2: Water Mat
Day 3: Paddleboarding
Day 4: Water Trampoline
First Week Only:
Day 5: Canoeing



Activities for 3rd – 5th Graders

CREATIVE ARTS

CA Bundle A

Day 1: Clay

Day 2: Clay Day 2

Day 3: Candles

Day 4: Jewelry

First Week Only:

Day 5: Melty Beads

CA Bundle B

Day 1: Masks

Day 2: Masks Day 2

Day 3: Baskets

Day 4: Eco-Art

First Week Only:

Day 5: Melty Beads

CA Bundle C

Day 1: Performing Arts

Day 2: Warm Fuzzies

Day 3: Candles

Day 4: Sculpey Clay

First Week Only:

Day 5: Performing Arts Day 2



Activities for 6th – 8th Graders

OUTDOOR PURSUITS

Climbing

This class will teach you the proper technique for climbing different elements such as the Climbing Wall, Alpine Tower, and Deadman's Cliff (real rock). You will start off easy and work your way to more difficult elements so that everybody can learn and improve together.

Mountain Biking

Mountain biking is an exciting and thrilling class! While you do need to know how to ride a bike before this class, don't worry if you aren't all that great on a trail! We will start off easy biking basics building up to small jumps over rocks and sticks. We will ride some of the tracks we have around camp with trips to Oak and around Cedar Lake! Bike maintenance may also be reviewed in some classes if the sun decides to take a siesta (rainy days)!

OP Choice

This choice program is focused on giving our campers the opportunity to immerse themselves in the woods without focusing on any specific survival games. Activities may include hikes, fishing, salamander hunts, Geocaching/Treasure Hunting, Games in the Woods. The classes will set their schedule on the first day.

Outdoor Survival

In this class, you will be taught skills that could help you to survive in the wilderness. You will also learn how to sort brush into tinder, kindling, and fuel which you will use to make your own fire. You'll also spend two days learning the basics of fishing and testing out your new found skills on Cedar Lake. Finally, you will be taught basic cordage skills which would certainly come in handy in a survival situation.

Outdoor Cooking Choice

Filled with cinnamon apples, orange muffins, pancakes, and more, this class is the best tasting one yet! Campers get to build their own menu from the variety of recipes we have to offer. You will learn how to build a great fire for you to cook these delicious snacks on. We start off with some s'mores and by the last day, we will be cooking up a storm!



Activities for 6th – 8th Graders

LAND SPORTS

Archery

Archery is a target sport activity which is fun for all ages. You will learn techniques on proper form on the archery range. Practicing this skill will help develop your self control and hand/eye coordination. After instruction and practice, you could be the next Robin Hood or Katniss Everdeen of Camp Hazen!

Camp Sports Choice

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International Sports Choice

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Skateboarding

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Soccer

Soccer or better known as "football" to some is a class for everyone! You will learn new techniques and practice with the guidance of a counselor specialized in coaching soccer. Whether you are brand new to this sport or a pro you will gain valuable skills.

Tennis

Our tennis skill class is for everyone from to those who have never touched a racket to pros. You will get to learn and practice under the supervision of our tennis playing Hazen staff. This sport is a lot of fun, exciting, and a great challenge.

Y-Sports Choice

Our Y-Sports Choice is a combination of many different sports. On the first day, campers will decide, as a group, their schedule for the week. This bundle consists of learning new techniques and skills in the following sports: Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Floor Hockey, Flag Football, and Ultimate Frisbee In this class you will learn a lot and get to play a mix of the traditional and new YMCA sports.



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Sailing

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Water Sports Choice

This is a class where you will be able to sample several activities offered on the waterfront. This includes a quick introduction to Kayaking and Canoeing as well as a variety of water games, snorkeling, and some fun times on the Water Mat and Trampoline.

Windsurfing

This class is definitely for those who are up for a challenge. This is a skill class that will teach you how to balance on a windsurfing board by playing a variety of fun balance games. You will also learn about the wind and how it affects you, as well as how to move forward and maneuver around the lake by tacking and jibing.



Activities for 6th – 8th Graders

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Camp Jewelry

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Creative Arts Choice

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Drama

Campers will ease into the class with improv games, later going through an audition process to be allocated a role in the session's drama production. Campers will memorize and practice their lines and be part of the show on the last day of the session, viewed by the entire camp!!

Drama Tech

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Guitar

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Media – Radio & Journalism

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Painting & Drawing

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Wood Burning

This is a classic camp activity making its return to Hazen. Campers will get to pick their own project whether it be branch or precut wood. Then prepare it with whittling and sanding. Finally they will use our wood burning tools under the careful supervision of their instructors to design a unique pattern.



Activities for 9th – 10th Graders

OUTDOOR PURSUITS

Belay Skills

For our older kids - 14 years old and older! This class will set them on the path to see what its like to be a belayer! You will get a chance to belay some of your friends up the climbing elements! You will learn the different kind of knots we use, how to tie into the logs to keep yourself grounded, the proper belay technique and how to let a climber down safely! Another great aspect of this class is learning how to prussik (climbing on a rope) half way up the Alpine Tower!

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Outdoor Survival

A great class to have some competitive fun in! You will learn how to work together in a team to build a raft and for you and your friends to hop aboard! You will learn the knots used to help tie the wood together and to keep the flotation barrels attached to the raft too! After that, a round of making fire by friction will heat up the competition! On the last day when your projects are all done then you will have a race to see who will come out as the Outdoor Survival winning team in the OP Challenge!



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Lifeguard Skills

This skill class will teach some life guarding skills such as how to recognize a swimmer in distress as well as some basic rescue skills that could be used in different situations. This is a perfect class if you would like to be a lifeguard some day! This is not an actual lifeguard course, just a fun way to learn some techniques that real lifeguards use!

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Rec Time

An activity only for our 9th and 10th Graders. Campers head to the Library in Maple Lodge where they can read a book, play some ping pong or fuseball, play some card games, or just chat! Staff will be there to supervise this unstructured time where are oldest campers can relax and have some (often requested) bonding time with friends.

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