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MANITOWOC-TWO RIVERS YMCA JUNE 2023 MEMBER NEWSLETTER

Hello Y Members, and Happy Summer! I hope this letter finds you looking forward to time on our trails, our beaches, and at our unique, local, summer events. If you haven't begun your summer planning and need a great place to start, check out the [Y's Summer Bucket List here!](#)

As for our Y kids, well, their summer dance card is already full: with **Y BREAK** and **ENERGYZE** calendars full of field trips, art projects, financial literacy workshops (they know it as "Camp Store," so shhh, don't tell them about the valuable life skill we're sneaking into their summer), community service projects, beach days, dress up days, reading challenges, crazy counselors, and wacky songs... If you've been to camp, you know how lucky they are.

Here's the part of camp that we talk about less, but is critical to the health of our local community. "Summer Camp" is a more whimsical name for "an urgently needed service for young working families." Camp has a direct impact on our local economy because **when young children don't have a place to be during the summer days, our young parents cannot be reliable, productive employees at our Manitowoc County businesses and organizations.** As many of you know from local, statewide, and national conversations, the "child care model" is in critical need of repair, or perhaps a complete re-build. It has for too long been an industry that has been subsidized by the passion of its workforce, (i.e. "Teachers aren't in it for the paycheck; they love the children! It's their calling!").

Our economy no longer allows (if it ever did) for a household's income-earner to work for passion instead of a living wage paycheck. Increased wages are necessary, but those costs cannot be passed on to young families, as it is already a cost that rivals the cost of college in families' budgets... So what to do? Your Y is deep into strategic conversations, advocacy, and collaboration with Progress Lakeshore, United Way, the Chamber, and forward-thinking businesses regarding one of the most pressing issues of our time: **Solving for a Sustainable Early Childhood Education and School Age Care Model.** Our current and future economy, as well as our current and future citizens and leaders, are counting on us. Stay tuned and reach out if you have thoughts or questions on this important issue. Thank you, Y family!

- Julie

BEERNTSEN SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to this year's Beerntsen Scholarship recipients!

- Connor Faust – Kiel HS
- Paige Hoffman – Mishicot HS
- Tatum Hutterer – Mishicot HS
- Jenna Lischka – Manitowoc Lutheran HS
- Hailey Marohn – Manitowoc Lutheran HS
- Audrey Rabitz – Lincoln HS
- Kailey Tulachka – Mishicot HS
- Grace Willems – Mishicot HS



GYMNASTICS CAMPS

Registration for Summer Gymnastics Camps is NOW OPEN. Camps run the week of August 7-10.

To register, click [HERE](#).

Y NIGHT AT THE T-RATS!

YMCA members in Northeast Wisconsin get discounted tickets to the T-Rats on Thursday, July 27! Click [HERE](#) to get your tickets.

Wear Y gear and "check-in" to the Manitowoc-Two Rivers YMCA on Facebook the night of the game with a picture of the fun!

BARRE TO BIKE

Join Carrie Karbon on Saturday, June 3 as she pulls out some of her favorites from **BARRE** and **Group Ride**! Carrie will be available to assist anyone who is hopping on a bike for the first time or needs a refresher.

Start in Studio Y at 8am for BARRE then head to the Cycling Studio for 9am Group Ride.

Attend one or both classes! FREE for members. Day pass fee applies to nonmembers.

HOMESTRETCH CHALLENGE

Have you been considering giving a gift to the Y? Now is the time! BankFirst has agreed to **MATCH** the next \$5000 donated, which will bring us down the homestretch to complete the Annual Campaign. Give today by clicking [HERE](#). **THANK YOU**, BankFirst!

Your donation helps us ensure that *every* child—no matter his or her family's financial situation—has access to character-building Y programs. Thank you for helping us nurture the potential of EVERY child.



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TEEN NIGHTS

Get a group of friends together or come by yourself and meet new friends!

- June 27 Board Games Register by June 26
- July 25 DIY Projects Register by July 24
- August 22 Ice Cream Social Register by August 21

FREE for members \$5 per person nonmembers

AGES 11-15

TUESDAYS | 5:30PM - 7:00PM

PASSPORT TO SUMMER FUN

Did you know that a membership at the Y gives you access to Y's **NATIONWIDE**? Explore Northeast Wisconsin this summer and visit all of our YMCA's! Go ice skating in Oshkosh, use the water slides in Door County, Fond du Lac and the Fox Cities, and so much more.

head to bit.ly/429JMbK to learn more about NE WI YMCAs and events in their areas this summer!

ENERGYZE

We are still accepting applicants for ENERGYZE, our summer day camp program for children in 6th to 8th grades!

For more information, head to <https://www.mtrymca.org/summer-day-camps>.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

A special thank you to our graduating seniors...

Hannah (Tennis), Madison (Membership Services), Audrey (Gymnastics), Mikaela (Gymnastics), and Sophia (Aquatics) - **THANK YOU** for all you have done for our Y and congratulations on your upcoming graduation.

Congratulations to all High School seniors as they approach the end of their high school careers.

GROUP EXERCISE MERCH

If you love our group exercise classes ... then we have an online store for you! The store is just getting started, but we have Group Power, Group Fight, and SOULfusion merchandise available for purchase and shipped straight to your door.

Check it out here: <https://foxcitiesembroidery.chippily.com/MTYMCA2023/>

OUTDOOR FITNESS

Join us at Union Park on Saturday, June 24 for SOULfusion from 9am to 10am.

Please bring a mat and a water bottle. Shoes are optional but highly encouraged.

SUMMER HOURS

Beginning the week of Monday, June 19, the YMCA will observe our **summer hours** on the weekends and will be **closing at 1:30pm** Saturdays and Sundays.

We will be **closed** on Tuesday, **July 4** to allow our employees to have off on the Fourth of July.

Anyone who has purchased a FOB for **24/7 access** will be able to utilize the second floor of the Y anytime the building is closed. To request a FOB, stop in at Membership Services. Please allow up to three business days to receive your FOB.

BINGO!

Bring the family to the Y and enjoy a few games of BINGO and FUN! Includes 1 summer themed BINGO card per person. Pre-registration required by July 11.

Thursday, July 13 6pm-7pm. FREE for members, \$5 per family for nonmembers.

MILWAUKEE ZOO TRIP

All adults 60 and older are invited to enjoy a special day at the Milwaukee County Zoo with free admission on Monday, June 26th during "Senior Safari!" Special activities and experiences are offered, designed for the young at heart. Proof of age required. Plan on purchasing your lunch at the zoo.

For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/3qmZm5g>

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FAMILY SWIM

Join us for **family swim** this summer! Family Swim will be held Mondays from 1pm – 7pm June 12th – Aug. 14th.

SWIM TEAM

Get a head start on the new swim team season. Join Intro to Swim Team and work with current High School members of the swim team. Summer Intro to Swim Team runs from June 19th to August 6.

For more information, contact Barb Schmidt at bschmidt@mtrymca.org and/or head to our swim team page by clicking [HERE](#).

SWIM TEAM COACHES

Are you interested in being a swim team coach? Contact Barb Schmidt at bschmidt@mtrymca.org.

SWIMWEAR

The Manta Rays Swimteam gets 8% back on every purchase made through Swim Outlet! Order today by visiting the store [HERE](#).

SUMMER SAILING PROGRAM

Learn a new skill this summer. For kids and adventurous adults! June 12 – July 13 **OR** July 24 – August 25.

YOUTH: Monday/Wednesday 10am-12pm
OR 1pm-3pm
Tuesday/Thursday: 10am-12pm

ADULTS: Monday/Wednesday 5:15pm – 7:15pm

Fee: \$279 per person youth
\$299 per person adults

Please plan on getting wet and/or capsizing.

SUMMER BUCKET LIST

Grab your friends and family and let's make this a summer to remember with the Y! Complete 20 items from the bucket list between June 19 and July 16 for a chance to win \$2000! FREE to join.

To participate, text SUMMER to 844.889.6222.