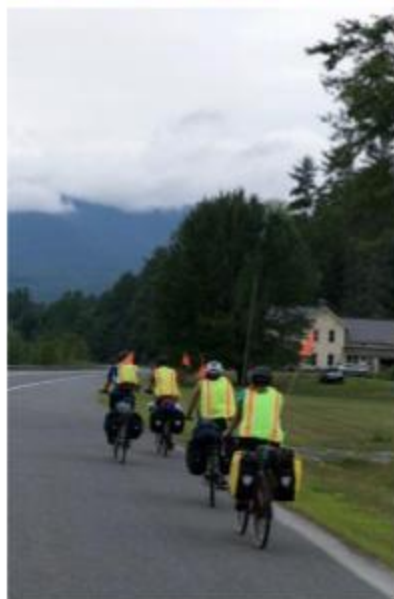




# BCCYMCA

## Travel and Service Programs



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## **About the Travel and Service Programs**

Since 1966, Becket Chimney Corners YMCA has offered off-site, co-ed programs for campers finishing the 9th and 10th grade who want to develop their leadership skills, explore new places, and connect with other cultures. With an emphasis on the small group experience, TSP offers a supportive environment for participants to explore the world and develop themselves as young adults. Our programs focus on leadership development, service learning, and cultural exchange.

## **Program Choices**

The Travel and Service Programs offers three programs for participants finishing the 9th and 10th grades:

### **TLS**

Teen Leadership and Service (TLS) is a 28 day bicycle touring program in Northern Vermont and the Adirondacks in Upstate New York. Participants will bike 280 miles, complete 30-40 hours of service, and participate in adventure activities like white water rafting and hiking.

#### **Highlights**

- Bike 280 miles through one of the most scenic areas in the northeast
- Develop your camping skills including setting up a camp, cooking outside, and building fires
- Adventure activities including white water rafting and hiking in the High Peaks of the Adirondacks
- Complete service projects at local farms, day camps and rural towns along your route

### **YAS**

Yellowstone Adventure and Service (YAS) is a 28 day leadership program located in Yellowstone National Park, the Grand Tetons, and Gallatin National Forest. Participants will explore three major wilderness areas, complete 40-50 hours of service, and participate in adventure activities like white water rafting and rock climbing.

#### **Highlights**

- Develop your camping skills including setting up a camp, cooking outside, and building fires
- Adventure activities including white water rafting, rock climbing, and day hikes
- Learn about National Parks and Forests through environmental service work
- Take guided tours to view wildlife and geothermal pools

## ICEP

The International Camper Exchange Program (ICEP) is a 36 day leadership program located in one of nine international locations (Australia, Chile, China, Japan, New Zealand, Peru, Sweden, Uruguay and Vietnam). Participants will complete 40-50 hours of service, have homestays with a local family, and develop their leadership skills as they explore a new culture. ICEP experiences are designed to broaden each participant's appreciation of differing cultures in a way seldom achieved by tourist excursions. Participants will live and travel as a group, complete social and physical service projects that benefit local communities, meet teens from the host country, and stay with a local family. Participants will partake in organized activities that foster cross-cultural understanding and will develop an appreciation for other cultures, history and geography.

### Highlights

- Complete 40-50 hours of service through Y sponsored projects
- Learn about local life by living with a homestay family
- Explore a new culture through hands on activities
- Build relationships with teens from your host country

## Dates and Rates

Tuition costs are all-inclusive covering all meals, lodging, activities, flights, visas, etc. Participants will only need to fund their own spending money for souvenirs, etc.

### YAS (28 Days)

Tuition: \$6,510

Dates: Session One - June 28 - July 25

Session One - July 26 - August 22

### TLS (28 Days)

Tuition: \$6,225

Dates: Session One - June 28 - July 25

Session One - July 26 - August 22

### ICEP (36 Days)

Tuition: \$9,775

Dates: ICEP programs run on a rolling basis throughout the summer to accommodate participant schedules. Dates will be confirmed in December before the ICEP program selection process. ICEP program dates are very similar year to year. To see this summer's dates, please visit our website.

## Financial Aid

BCCYMCA offers financial aid to eligible families for any TSP program. Families currently receiving aid for residential camp can expect a similar aid percentage applied to a TSP program (unless financial circumstances have changed). A new campership application with the most current supporting financial documentation is required each year and due with the TSP application. To apply, go to [bccymca.org](http://bccymca.org) and click on the financial aid link.

## Program Eligibility

BCCYMCA requires all participants on TSP to complete an application process. Not all participants who apply will be selected for the program.

Participant Criteria:

- Finishing the 9th or 10th grade
- Good physical and mental health\*
- Prior camp experience at Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA
- Demonstrated cooperation with others and ability to follow instruction
- Interest in TSP program goals including cultural/environmental learning, service work, and leadership development
- Emotional Maturity\*
- Ability to meet registration/application deadlines

\*Acceptance into these programs is a privilege and based upon readiness and the applicants' maturity. From experience, we have found that not all applicants will necessarily be ready for this experience. Teens with emotional or behavioral disorders, chemical dependency, violent behavior or who routinely violate rules and policies should not apply for a Travel and Service Program. In addition, any teen who routinely does not take his/her medication as scheduled, or who has to be consistently reminded to take their medication or follow instruction/direction, shouldn't apply.

Due to the nature of a travel program, participants will be sometimes further than one hour from medical facilities. Teens with medical or dietary restrictions should consult their family physician and/or a travel physician to discuss the health risks for the Travel and Service Program.

## Application Process

If interested in TSP, please email Alysa Austin at [aaustin@bccymca.org](mailto:aaustin@bccymca.org) to notify her by **November 25<sup>th</sup>** of your program (YAS, TLS, or ICEP) and session preference.

More information can be found on our website. Please be in touch if you have questions about any of the programs.

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