

**A SUMMER AT
CAMP**

**A COMMUNITY
FOR LIFE**



**BECKET-CHIMNEY
CORNERS YMCA**



**SUMMER CAMP
PROGRAMS 2024**



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**



Since the first boys arrived at Camp Becket in 1903 and the first girls attended a summer at Chimney Corners Camp in 1931, our camps have been a place where children and young adults spend some of the best days of their lives. While founded as a private camp in 1931, Chimney Corners Camp joined Camp Becket in 1972 as a YMCA camp. These camps, approximately one mile apart, provide a single-gender plus experience with a shared mission and character-building goals. Together with our Travel and Service Program and our Becket Day Camp, our programs help youth discover their potential through life-changing experiences and relationships.



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This Camp must comply with regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and be licensed by the Local Board of Health. We are also accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA).

Welcome to Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA!

For fifty years, Becket-Chimney Corners has been my second home. In 1973, I came to Chimney Corners as a camper – a shy and homesick camper whose parents urged her to try camp as they had experienced summer camp in their youth and knew its value. I overcame my homesickness that first summer and spent 9 summers at Chimney Corners, not just as a camper but also through the leadership development program, as a Counselor, Aides Director, and Unit Leader.

Camp was where I found my self-confidence and where I discovered and developed my leadership skills. After camp, I spent 35 years working in financial services but camp was never far from my mind and heart. I had the privilege to serve on the Board for 16 years and frequently connected with my Becket and Chimney community throughout the year.

The most rewarding experience I've had by far has been watching my two (now adult) kids grow up through the programs as campers and seasonal staff members. Like me, they too have experienced the life long impact of camp – from the careers they've chosen to the deep friendships that they've maintained well past their camper years.

From all of us here at BCCYMCA, we hope you will join us this summer and experience the magic of our summer programs. Come for a summer, build a community for life.

Amici & Agape,



Amy Gutschenritter
CEO



OUR MISSION

Helping youth discover their potential through life-changing experiences and relationships.



VALUES

We believe that everyone deserves opportunities to explore, learn and grow in a supportive environment:

Community: We build enduring relationships and support one another.

Commitment: We take responsibility for ourselves, one another, and the common good.

Belonging: We strive to create a culture where all people are welcome and respected.

Compassion: We treat one another with empathy, honesty and integrity.

INCLUSION STATEMENT

We are committed to providing a safe and inclusive environment where campers, participants, families and staff can discover and be their authentic selves. Through leadership, strategic planning, recruitment, training and program development, we strive to be inclusive in our practices and to promote equity and opportunity for all individuals. We respect, affirm and protect the dignity and worth of every member of our community.



BECKET & CHIMNEY CORNERS STAFF

Many of our staff have experienced our programs first hand, benefiting from participation in our camps and leadership development programs. New staff members join our programs bringing fresh ideas and diverse backgrounds to our camp community. They are identified through trusted sources such as alumni, staff, parents and international staffing agencies. The camps share a pediatrician in residence. We also employ additional medical staff to work at our infirmaries. The medical staff handle most illnesses and injuries at the infirmary.

ANNUAL GIVING

Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that relies on philanthropic support from parents, caregivers, and alumni. Financial contributions support camperships and enhance programs. Every year camperships are made available to families thanks to the Annual Fund and our endowment, and all who support it. These funds allow the camps to continue our long held tradition of providing scholarships and supporting our tiered pricing to help children experience our camps. Annual Fund dollars also help support programs, equipment, and staff to further enhance activities. Every member of the Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA is invited to give to the best of their ability to support our efforts to provide life-enriching programs for children, adults and families.

WHAT SETS US APART...

Life Skills and Values

At the core of our program is the cabin group and the lessons that come from living together with other people, with the care and guidance of excellent role models. Through this experience, campers learn life skills and values that will serve them throughout their life. The camps reinforce values that help the members of our community live together successfully at camp and also give them tools to be respected members of the greater community. Each camp is guided by a unique set of goals and values, closely tied to our BCCYMCA values, that are expressed throughout the program. Activities, group discussions, and debriefs all focus back on the core values.

Single Gender Plus Camps

Our camps are single gender plus experiences, which means we strive to support gender inclusivity while maintaining the benefit and value provided by a single-gender experience. Chimney Corners is for girls and gender non-binary campers, while Camp Becket is for boys and gender non-binary campers. There are many great things that young people learn from each other in an all gender environment and most get ample opportunity to navigate these relationships during the school year. We believe that campers thrive when given the opportunity to spend some time in a place that supports and celebrates the gender with which they most identify. By preserving Chimney Corners Camp as a girls' plus world and Camp Becket as a boys' plus world, each camper has an opportunity to explore their identity in a supportive environment free of many of the social pressures they experience in school. Should you wish to discuss which camp best meets your camper's needs, please contact one of our Directors.

Unplugged

Our experiences over years have allowed us all to see the benefits of an unplugged summer experience. Many children have experienced increased screen time for learning and connection over the past couple years and many also continue to feel an incredible amount of pressure from their digital life. This summer will be a chance to reset, which we are sure will be welcomed by all. The skills gained through face-to-face teamwork, conflict resolution, friendship building, and acceptance of differences are developed in our environment in a way that they are not in many other areas of children's lives. The confidence and life skills learned through this experience often help our campers in academic, social, leadership, sports, and community roles.



VALUES BASED PROGRAMMING



Becket Mottos

Do Your Best
Play The Game
I Can And I Will
Help The Other Fellow
Manners Maketh The Man
Each For All - All For Each
Better Faithful Than Famous
Peace Through Understanding

Chimney Goals & Values

Goals

Healthy Living
Empowering Ourselves and Others
Leading & Learning
Positive Relationships
Social Responsibility

Values

PACE - Positive Attitude Changes Everything
Open Circle - Everyone Welcome
Agape - Living a life of unconditional love for all

OUR PROGRAMS



TRADITIONAL CAMP (4 WEEKS) FINISHING 2nd - 9th GRADE

The heart of our camp program is the traditional four-week session. Campers live together with 7 or 8 other campers and two staff members in a rustic cabin. The campers spend each morning together as a group and do a different morning activity each day. Every camper participates in planning activities, keeping the cabin clean, and ensuring that the camp experience is positive for the entire group. All campers will participate in an overnight camping experience each summer. Younger campers will remain on camp property in preparation for off-camp trips in the older villages/units. By spending the full four weeks at camp, campers gain mastery of the camp program, make strong connections with others and build confidence in their independence. We believe that campers that start with the four week program have the best chance for long-term success at camp and encourage families to consider the full experience for first time campers.

STARTER PROGRAM

(2 WEEKS) FINISHING 2nd OR 3rd GRADE

In this program, younger campers who do not feel ready to make the commitment to four weeks can try a two-week camp experience to help prepare for longer camp stays in subsequent summers. Two cabins in our youngest camper village/unit are designated for the Starter Program. These campers are fully integrated into our traditional camp program, including an on-camp overnight camping experience. To apply, simply check the Starter Program option on the camp application. There is no Gibson Weekend component to the Starter Program A but there is for the Starter Program B. Please note this program fills quickly.

CONSTRUCTION CABIN

FINISHING 9th GRADE

Participants work towards building a new facility or renovating existing facilities throughout the camps. The program encompasses instruction in hand and power tool use, construction mathematics and basic carpentry skills. Construction campers spend a portion of most days on the construction project and the remainder of the day involved in the traditional camp program. Construction is a physically challenging program so please take this into consideration.

ADVENTURE CABIN

FINISHING 9th GRADE

This specialty cabin allows campers to experience the best adventures in New England. Campers will participate in the traditional camp programs but also go on day and multi-day excursions, which may include backpacking trips, whitewater rafting, sea kayaking and climbing on natural rock faces. This program teaches wilderness ethics while building group dynamics and leadership skills.

RIDING CABIN

CHIMNEY CORNERS ONLY
FINISHING 6th-8th GRADE

Campers in this program spend each morning at the Apple Blossom Ranch participating in a variety of activities. This includes riding lessons, horsemanship, grooming, feeding, turn-out, first-aid and helping with other stable work. Some activities and duties take place during free time periods. The rest of the camp day is spent participating in traditional camp activities. Unit assignment is determined by grade completed and number of campers enrolled.

Daily Schedule

7:30 am

RISE AND SHINE

8:15 am

BREAKFAST

Followed by cabin clean-up & flag raising.

9:15 am

MORNING ACTIVITIES

Cabin group (with counselor) participates together in an activity. These activities will vary throughout the session.

11:15 am

FREE TIME

Waterfront, camp store and program areas open

12:00 pm

LUNCH AND REST PERIOD

1:45 pm

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Period 1 Period 2 Period 3

4:45 pm

FREE TIME

Waterfront, camp store and program areas open

6:00 pm

DINNER

7:30 pm

EVENING ACTIVITIES

Unit/Village activity, cabin activity, or special program

9:00 pm

CABIN CHAT AND LIGHTS OUT

ACTIVITIES

Many activities are staples to the summer camp experience and are offered each year, while others are dependent upon the talents and creativity of particular staff members in any given summer. Some activities are contingent upon a camper's age, swim ability and/or village/unit placement; not every camper will be able to sign up for all activities. Each camper will select their six afternoon activities for the session, during the first few days of camp. They will attend the same three afternoon activities on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and three other activities on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Sunday afternoon activities are usually all-camp or Unit/Village events.

CAMP BECKET

Baseball, Basketball, Cross-Training, Disc Golf, Flag Football, Rugby, Soccer, Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Floor Hockey, Archery (all ages), BB's (Pioneer Village), Air Rifles (Frontier & Ranger Village), Swimming (lessons & advanced classes), Canoeing, Kayaking, Sailing, Windsurfing, Cooking, Creative Arts, Ceramics, Graphic Arts, Photography, Claymation, Camp Newspaper, Woodshop, Music, Drama (improvisation, skits), Big Show (musical), Climbing/Bouldering, Teambuilding, Nature, and Outdoor Living Skills.

CHIMNEY CORNERS

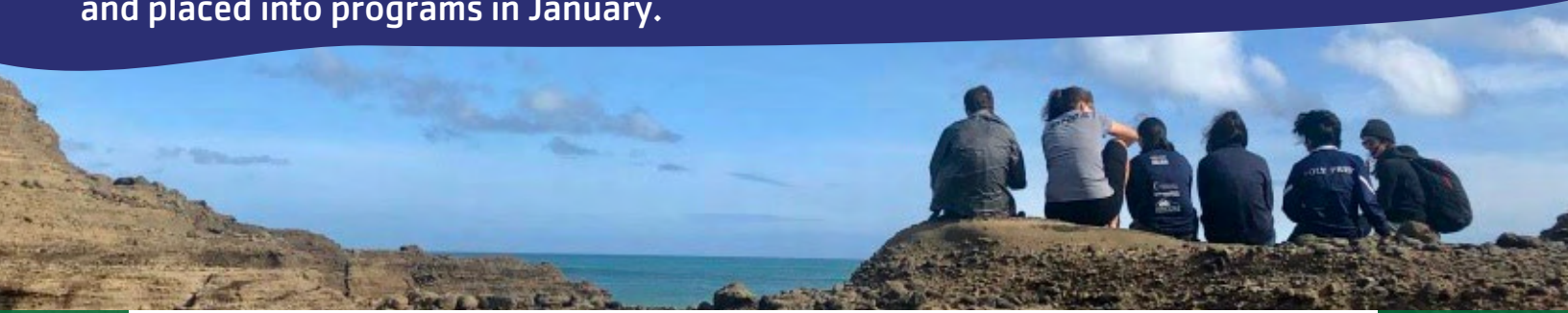
Basketball, Field Hockey, Fitness, Lacrosse, Rugby, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball, Yoga, Ultimate Frisbee, Archery, Canoeing, Kayaking, Sailing, Swimming (lessons & advanced classes), Arts & Crafts, Ceramics, Sewing, Jewelry Making, Photography, Dance, Drama, Musical, Teambuilding, Cooking, Outdoor Living Skills, Outdoor Cooking, Nature, Camp Newspaper & News Show, Farm & Garden, and Horseback Riding Lessons (must sign up in advance).

TRAVEL AND SERVICE PROGRAMS

Chimney Corners and Camp Becket campers come together in their TSP year to travel on off-site programs around the world. These programs are for campers finishing 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. Core components of every program include leadership development, cultural and environmental engagement, and service learning.

Eligibility: Participants finishing 10th grade

Apply: TSP Applications will be mailed to age-eligible participants in the Fall. Applications are due on October 20th, 2023 with participants being notified of acceptance in December and placed into programs in January.



ICEP

International Camper Exchange Program

- 4-5 week programs
- Programs in Chile, Japan, New Zealand, Sweden, Spain, and Uruguay (locations announced in the Fall)
- Volunteer in local communities – serve meals, work with Day Camps, plant trees and plenty of other service projects
- Engage in cultural exchange through a homestay or camp experience with local teens.
- Learn about a new culture through hands-on activities

DCEP

Domestic Camper Exchange Program

- 4 week programs
- Regional programs based in the US
- Participate in adventure activities like white water rafting, hiking, and rock climbing
- Camp exchange with 1 or more Y camps throughout the country
- Sustainable farming help, work at food pantry and complete other service projects that support local communities
- Try out your counseling skills by running Day Camp activities for kids

NOLS

Alaska

- 4 week program
- Partnership with the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS),
- Complete a 21-day backcountry backpacking trip in the Alaskan wilderness.
- Focus on outdoor skills, advanced leadership development, and environmental awareness.

AIDES

LEADER-IN-TRAINING PROGRAM

Campers completing the 11th grade can apply for the full-summer Aides Program at either Chimney Corners or Camp Becket. This highly competitive program is designed to help young leaders transition from campers to staff. This final step provides participants with the skills and confidence necessary to assume a staff role and ensures our programs have well-trained staff for the future.

Apply: Aides applications will be mailed to age-eligible participants in the Fall. Applications are due on October 20th, 2023 and acceptance notifications are sent in November.

Program Highlights

- Spend 6 weeks in camp working in different areas of camp, including working with campers, helping in the office and planning camp wide events
- Spend 2 weeks traveling with a group of fellow Aides to South Dakota to work with children at the YMCA of the Seven Council Fires on the Cheyenne River Reservation
- Receive training and certification in First Aid, CPR, and Lifeguarding
- Receive mentorship from Camp Directors and staff on the journey to becoming a counselor





GIBSON WEEKEND (Overnight Camp Only)

Gibson Weekend is a unique opportunity for campers to share their camp experience with a parent, caregiver or family-designated role model. During this weekend the parents/role models follow our normal camp schedule and experience camp through the eyes of their camper. This is a rare opportunity to let your camper be the guide. If you have questions about how your family can best participate in this program, please contact us to discuss your specific needs.

Gibson Weekend takes place the third weekend of each 4 week session. Parents/Caregivers are welcome to join for all or part of the weekend. As our camps are single gender plus spaces, we ask that the attending parent/caregiver matches the same gender as the camp their child is enrolled at. Other family members are welcome to join us for Family Visiting Day on Sunday afternoon.



BECKET DAY CAMP

Located at our Lane Farm property, Becket Day Camp invites campers ages 5-12 to attend our week long, non-residential sessions all summer long. Our full day programming builds character, encourages physical, social and emotional growth, with a focus on small group interaction, self-regulation and the development of relationships through play.

Each day, small groups work together with counselors to participate in fun summer activities that encourage them to grow together. Becket Day Camp has developed age appropriate programs which ensures each child has a safe and fun experience.

ACTIVITIES: Swimming, Canoeing, Archery, Sports, Arts and Crafts, Hiking, Drama, Outdoor Living Skills, All-Camp games, Themed activities and much more!

Enrollment opens each Winter/Spring and financial aid is available.



DATES & TUITION



Tiered Pricing

BCCYMCA offers a Tiered Pricing model for all of our camp programs. This model allows families to choose the tuition tier that best fits their family's financial circumstances. Financial support is made possible through donations to our Annual Fund and our Unrestricted Endowment. See our website for more information our Tiers and how to choose the right one for your family.

- Tier 1** This tier reflects the true cost of camp for each camper
- Tier 2** This tuition tier reflects a subsidy funded by the generosity of donations from our BCCYMCA community.
- Tier 3** This tuition tier reflects a more heavily subsidized rate for each camper.
- Tier 4** This tuition tier reflects a more deeply discounted rate.
- Tier 5** This tier is for families who need assistance beyond Tier 4. For families at this tier, we ask that you complete our Campership Application on our website.

Tuition

	Traditional	Specialty	Starter	DCEP	ICEP	NOLS	Aides
Tier 1	\$7,470	\$8,240	\$3,890	\$8,970	\$11,985	\$11,500	\$8,970
Tier 2	\$6,970	\$7,660	\$3,630	\$8,360	\$11,560		\$8,360
Tier 3	\$6,525	\$7,170	\$3,400	\$7,830	\$11,130		\$7,830
Tier 4	\$6,015	\$6,615	\$3,135	\$7,220	\$10,595	\$10,435	\$7,220
Tier 5	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies

Priority Camp Registration opens Tuesday, September 12th!
Registration for New Campers opens Thursday, September 14th!

Becket Day Camp

- Tier 1 \$400
- Tier 2 \$370
- Tier 3 \$340
- Tier 4 \$310
- Tier 5 \$100 - Campership



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available to qualified families to assist with the payment of tuition. Grants are awarded on the basis of financial need. A new campership application with the most current supporting financial documentation is required each year. Tier 5 financial aid applications are due November 1st. After this date, we will make awards on a rolling basis as our funds allow.

*Financial aid for Travel & Service Programs is only awarded to participants who have attended Chimney Corners Camp or Camp Becket for at least one summer.



DATES BY PROGRAM

TRADITIONAL CAMP AND SPECIALTY CABIN DATES

Session 1: June 23 – July 19

Session 2: July 21 – August 16

STARTER CABIN DATES

1-A: June 23 – July 5

1-B: July 7 – July 19

2-A: July 21 – August 2

2-B: August 4 – August 16

TRAVEL AND SERVICE PROGRAMS DATES

DCEP Session 1: June 23 – July 19

DCEP Session 2: July 21 – August 16

NOLS: June 23 – July 19

ICEP: Program check-ins are staggered throughout the summer.
Program locations and dates will be announced in December.

AIDES DATES

June 20 – August 16

Payment and Refund Policy

At the time you register, a registration fee is required.

Tiers 1-4 - \$500

Tier 5 - \$150

After 10 calendar days, your registration fee becomes non-refundable and non-transferable. At the time of registration, you will be required to choose between making monthly payments or paying the full tuition in a lump sum. In the event an alternative payment method is required, please reach out to our staff.

If you choose monthly payments, they will be scheduled to be paid in full by May 1 and the monthly amount will be adjusted based on what time of year your family registers the camper. In the event that a payment is missed or your payment bounces, we will inform you and ask for an alternative payment. If it happens a second time your reservation will be canceled and any refund will follow our refund policy below.

If you select Tier 5, you must complete your application in our financial aid system (SSS) by our application deadline of November 1st. If you are applying to camp after November 1st you will have 30 days to complete your financial aid application in SSS.

If you cancel your child's registration:

Prior to December 1st, any tuition paid, excluding your registration fee, will be refunded.

After December 1st, 30% of the tuition is non-refundable and non-transferable.

After February 1st, 60% of the tuition is non-refundable and non-transferable.

There are no tuition refunds or transfers after April 1st.

If your child leaves the program early for any reason (voluntary or not) there will be no refund of tuition.

HOW TO ENROLL

To apply to one of our programs, please visit our website at bccymca.org. You will be directed to our online registration system where you will be asked to complete the application form. You will receive an immediate email confirmation once your application is submitted. Once we receive notification of your online application, the camp office will contact you (via email) with either an acceptance for the program, a note that the program is full with waiting list information, or a request for additional paperwork to complete the application process. Please allow up to two weeks for notification of acceptance to the program. Please note that many programs fill quickly.

Important Dates

September 12, 2023

Camp priority pre-registration opens for returning families

September 14, 2023

Camp Registration Opens for everyone

October 20, 2023

Aides and TSP Applications due

November 1, 2023

Tier 5 financial assistance applications due in SSS



CONSIDERATIONS PRIOR TO ENROLLMENT

All of us at Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA view our relationship with camp families as a partnership. We expect that you support our policies whole-heartedly to ensure a positive experience for all. Any serious objections or concerns should be communicated prior to applying.

- Early departure from camp and absences from the camp program are not allowed.
- To preserve the traditional nature of the camp experience, we require campers to leave all electronics, including cell phones, at home.
- A Health Form is required, including proof of health insurance and a record of a physical exam conducted within 18 months of the camper's arrival at camp.
- Parents/Guardians have the right to request copies or review background check procedures, discipline policies, and grievance procedures upon request.
- Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA works to provide nutritious meals for your camper each day. We are committed to providing quality food service at every meal. Each of the kitchens at BCCYMCA are inspected and licensed annually by the local Board of Health. We take allergy management and dietary restrictions seriously. Each kitchen will work with campers who have food allergies and dietary restrictions. Contact information for our food service team will be available closer to camp's start.
- Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA is dedicated to helping each member of the community to develop their full potential. We believe that respect, kindness, and integrity are vital to the success of the camp community. For such ideals to thrive in our community, each member must believe in and support the mission and principles upon which our community is based and accept that one's own behavior must reflect these values.
- Each member of the camp community must strive to do all they can to create a respectful and safe environment for all. Each of us, including campers, family members, staff, and volunteers are responsible for their behavior at camp and will be held accountable for the code of conduct.
- Campers are expected to participate fully in our camp program. This includes the activities of service, play, chapel, and living together. Participants must complete the full duration of the program in which they are enrolled. The Becket-Chimney YMCA reserves the right to decline acceptance to applicants who we feel will not be successful in our programs.
- Make sure you review and understand the payment and refund policy prior to enrolling in camp.
- Fees are established by the Board of Trustees to cover operating costs. Philanthropic gifts from parents and friends help to keep the tuition reasonable while maintaining high-quality programs and staff. The camp tuition is inclusive, covering room and board, program materials, trips, laundry service, basic in-camp health services, and membership in Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA. Specialty programs have a higher tuition to cover the extra costs associated with the program. Our fees do not include insurance on campers' personal property, health & accident insurance, or store account deposit. We add a store account (\$100 for four-week campers and \$75 for Starter campers) to the camp bill so that each camper has a camp store account upon their arrival. Other elective services, such as transportation or linen rental, are provided for an extra fee.

BECKET-CHIMNEY CORNERS YMCA STAFF

PROGRAMS TEAM

We have a wonderful team of staff here at BCCYMCA delivering our mission. Here are a few of the staff members that families interact with frequently:



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From all of us here at Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA, we hope to see you this summer!

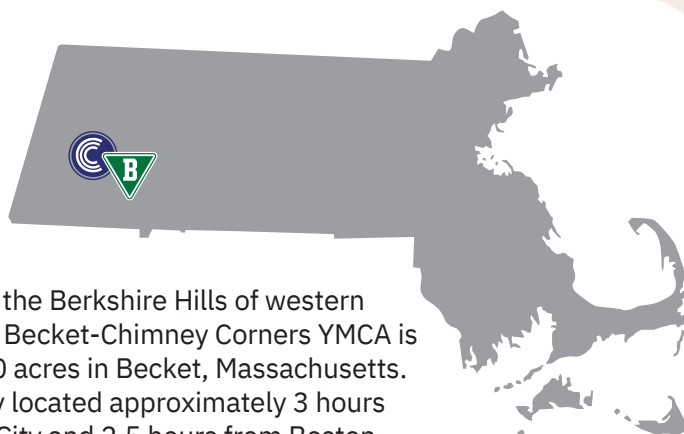


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2024 IMPORTANT DATES

- June 23** **First Session / Starter 1A Begins**
Campers arrive between 1-3 PM
- July 5** **Starter 1A Ends**
Campers depart at 10 AM
- July 7** **Starter 1B Begins**
Campers arrive at 1 PM
- July 19** **First Session / Starter 1B Ends**
Campers depart between 9-11 AM
- July 21** **Second Session / Starter 2A Begins**
Campers arrive between 1-3 PM
- August 2** **Starter 2A Ends**
Campers depart at 10 AM
- August 4** **Starter 2B Begins**
Campers arrive at 1 PM
- August 16** **Second Session / Starter B Ends**
Campers depart between 9-11 AM



Situated high in the Berkshire Hills of western Massachusetts, Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA is nestled on 1400 acres in Becket, Massachusetts. We are centrally located approximately 3 hours from New York City and 2.5 hours from Boston.

