



EXTEND-A-CARE YMCA 2023 EXPLORER CAMPS

	May 30-June 2	June 5-9	June 12-16	June 19-23	June 26-30	July 3-7	July 10-14	July 17-21	July 24-28	July 31-Aug 4
Locations	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
Carpenter Hill	Cosmic Travelers	Invention Convention	Underground Mysteries	Creative Campers	Going Green	Shipwrecked	Rising Stars	Nature Unleashed	Beyond The Game	Crack The Code
Southwest YMCA	Invention Convention	Underground Mysteries	Cosmic Travelers	Going Green	Shipwrecked	Creative Campers	Nature Unleashed	Rising Stars	Beyond The Game	Crack The Code

2023 EXPLORER CAMP THEMES

Beyond The Game	Our game enthusiasts will journey into the world of imagination and fantasy while creating their own role-playing games and board games. Campers will draw inspiration from traditional board games and make their own props for their LARP (Live Action Role Play).	Cosmic Travelers	Future astronauts, engineers, and scientists unite this week as we take a journey out of this world! Our campers will be inspired by the decade's race to space with activities that include designing a rocket, moon crater experiments, and more.
Underground Mysteries	Fossils, Rocks, and Caves! OH MY! This week we will explore the mysteries that lie below the earth's surface. Campers will study different rock formations, create and excavate their own fossils, and explore the wonders of caves!	Nature Unleashed	It's time to explore the great outdoors! Campers will learn how to pitch a tent, read a compass, and how to read a map while exploring what the natural environment has to offer. Activities will also include creating the different layers of the Earth, nature bingo, making their own binoculars and more!
Shipwrecked	ARRR YOU READY? All aboard for a week full of hands-on experimenting with water. Campers will build their engineering skills this week while creating pirate ships to test against the force of the ocean, as well as construct their own perfect mini waterslide. Come and explore what lies below the waters!	Crack The Code	We need all special agents to report this week! Agents will work together to create their own secret codes and challenges for other groups to crack, as well as test their own skills through laser mazes, solving mysteries and puzzles, and deciphering invisible codes. Do you have what it takes to crack the code?
Rising Stars	Lights, camera, action! All the world's a stage this week! They will showcase their talent by making stop motion films, play writing, crafting their own props, and acting. Before closing the curtains on Friday, the campers will showcase their short films and plays for the roaring crowd.	Creative Campers	Gather your paints, easel, and brushes- this week is all about artistic expression! Our creative campers will learn about different art techniques by experimenting with sculpting, watercolors, acrylics, and more. Expect a week full of colorful masterpieces inspired from the environment!
Going Green	Being green is not easy! Our young environmentalists will explore the world of recycling and sustainability as they work together to invent new ways to reuse everyday items to cut down on waste. The future starts here!	Invention Convention	Did you know that Karl Benz designed and built the first practical automobile? Our inventors will come together this week to bring their ideas to life, while participating in activities that include building hovercrafts, straw roller coasters, and parachutes!