

A photograph of three young girls smiling and hugging each other outdoors. The girl on the left has dark curly hair and is wearing a white shirt with a colorful pattern. The girl in the middle has long brown hair and is wearing a red shirt. The girl on the right has blonde hair and is wearing a blue floral shirt. They are all smiling broadly.

THE
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PLACE

LAKE IN THE WOODS YMCA

Sleepaway Camp

Monday-Friday & Home on the Weekends!



June 22 - August 7, 2026
Blairstown, New Jersey

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There's No Place Like *Lake in the Woods YMCA* Sleepaway Camp!

Give your child a summer filled with adventure, creativity, and lasting friendships at Lake in the Woods YMCA Camps, located on the stunning 525-acre campus of Blair Academy in Blairstown, NJ. Our unique Monday-Friday schedule allows campers to immerse themselves in exciting activities during the week while returning home for the weekend, offering the perfect balance of independence and family time.

Overnight adventure at Lake in the Woods YMCA Camps blends classic camp traditions with modern specialty activities on the Blair Academy campus in Blairstown. Campers build confidence, independence, and lifelong friendships through waterfront time, sports, outdoor skills, arts, and leadership—guided by trained staff who live our Y values.



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Our Location

Blair Academy is our home away from home for Lake in the Woods YMCA Camps, providing the perfect backdrop for a summer of adventure, friendship, and discovery. Nestled among rolling hills and shaded by towering trees, Blair's stunning campus offers everything our campers need to thrive. The dorms become a cozy retreat after days filled with excitement, while the dining hall is a gathering place where laughter and shared meals strengthen our camp family. Campers explore creativity in state-of-the-art classrooms, take the stage in the theater, and unleash their energy on the athletic fields and courts. The sprawling campus, with its winding paths and inviting green spaces, fosters a sense of wonder and belonging, making it more than just a summer camp, it's a place where memories are made, and lifelong friendships take root.



Cabins & Bunk Groups

Unlike many summer camps, Lake in the Woods Sleepaway Camp has access to the beautiful dorm style housing at Blair Academy.

Our dorms are divided into halls. In each hall, there is a shared bathroom, and 5-8 rooms. Depending on the building, campers will either have their own room, or have a room with a roommate. Each hall will have 2-3 camp counselors.

Campers are divided into their halls based on their gender and grade. We will try to honor mutual housing requests, but they are not guaranteed. Bunkmate requests can be made at the time of registration.

Transportation Included!

Having a unique camp that begins Monday morning and ends Friday afternoon also means having unique transportation needs. We provide free transportation from NYC and Livingston, NJ.

LAKE IN THE WOODS YMCA SLEEPAWAY CAMPS 2026

JUNE 22-26

JUNE 29 - JULY 10

JULY 13-24

JULY 27 - AUGUST 7

NEW! Welcome Week

Traditional Session 1

Traditional Session 2

Traditional Session 3

New! Ceramics & Fine Arts

B.E.A.R Camp for Dyslexia

NEW! Theatre Camp

NEW! Robots & Rockets

Counselor in Training

Traditional Sleepaway Camp

Coed Entering Grades 4-10

Two-Week Session, Monday-Friday, Home on the Weekends*

June 29 - July 10, July 13-24, & July 27 - August 7, 2026

Traditional Camp provides a structured program to encourage campers to try new things, form strong friendships, learn cooperation and teamwork skills, and have fun.

Each session will bring a variety of entertaining and engaging activities to spark the imagination of your child and bring out their very best. Campers arrive at camp on Monday. At the beginning of each week, campers will select activities that interest them - including sports, archery, boating, ceramics, arts and crafts, golf, and more! There are also all camp activities, evening activities, and themes to make each day special. Evening activities will include campfires, special events, and games.

On Friday, we'll close out the week and get ready for a new adventure next week! Campers can enjoy their week at camp and then be home on the weekends to spend quality time with their families.

*Holdover is available for campers interested in staying over between the first and second week of our two week sessions. Campers and staff will stay at our sister camp, Fairview Lake YMCA Camps, located about 15 minutes from us.

“My son had a very positive experience during his first time at sleep away camp. He had fun trying different activities and making new friends. The staff was responsive, personable, positive and professional.” - NG, Camper Parent



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Counselor in Training Program

Coed Entering Grade 11 | Four Week Session, Monday-Friday, Home on the Weekends*
June 29 – July 24, 2026

Over the course of the program, participants will receive specialized training in areas such as child development, conflict resolution, and activity planning. These trainings will equip them with the skills needed to become outstanding camp counselors. CITs will take on leadership roles such as guiding younger campers, organizing events, and assisting in daily camp operations, all under the mentorship of experienced staff. But it's not all work and no play; our CITs will also enjoy plenty of fun, with exclusive activities, team-building exercises, and social events that create lasting memories and friendships. This program is the perfect blend of learning, leadership, and laughter, preparing the next generation of camp leaders for an exciting future!



Specialty Sleepaway Camps

NEW! CERAMICS & FINE ARTS

Coed Entering Grades 4-10

One Week Session, Monday-Friday | June 22-26, 2026

Explore your creativity and express yourself through various art forms. This week-long program offers a wide range of activities such as painting, drawing, photography, and ceramics. Campers are encouraged to experiment with different mediums and techniques to create unique and meaningful pieces of art. The program is led by experienced art instructors who guide the campers through the creative process and provide them with feedback and encouragement.

NEW! WELCOME WEEK

Coed Entering Grades 4-10

One Week Session, Monday-Friday | June 22-26, 2026

Explore new interests, make new friends, and have fun. This week is filled with a wide variety of activities, ranging from sports and swimming to arts and crafts and target games. Each day we'll offer a different selection of programs so that campers will experience a wide variety of activities. Evening activities will include campfires, special events, and games.

NEW! ROBOTS & ROCKETS

Coed Entering Grades 4-10

One Week Session, Monday-Friday | June 22-26, 2026

Together, we'll explore coding and building robots using LEGO Education – SpikeEssentials and SpikePrime, and get into rocketry by building and launching our very own rockets! When not in the lab, campers will enjoy a variety of activities and programs like tennis, fishing and more! Campers also head to the pool each day for lessons and fun. Evening activities will include campfires, special events, and games.

NEW! THEATRE CAMP

Coed Entering Grades 4-10

Two Week Session, Monday-Friday | July 27-August 7, 2026, Home on the Weekends*

Step into the spotlight! At Theatre Camp, creativity shines both on stage and behind the scenes. Campers will work together to perform a full show, play lively improv games, and explore acting techniques that bring characters to life. From designing and building sets to crafting costumes, every camper plays an essential role in creating a production to remember. In addition to their time in the theater, campers will also choose camp activities, like archery, fishing, or boating, to round out their unforgettable camp experience.

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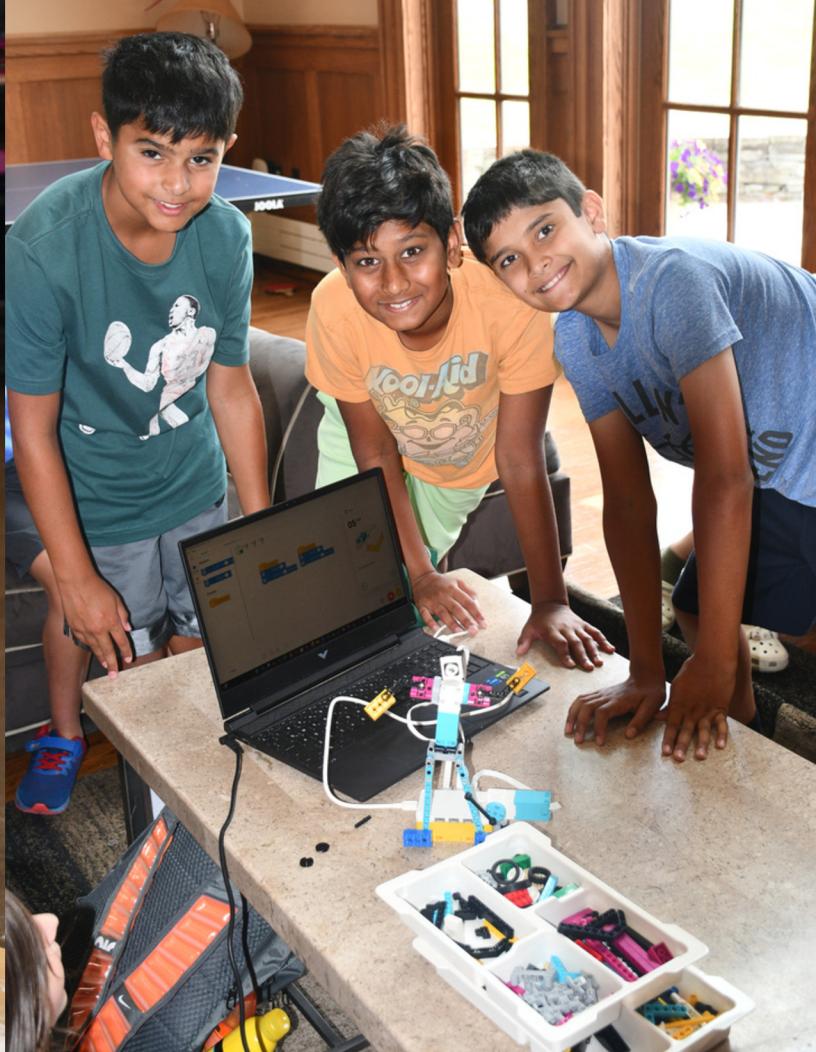
Coed Entering Grades 6-10

Two Week Session, Monday-Friday | June 29 – July 10, 2026, Home on the Weekends*

B.E.A.R. Camp for Dyslexia is a two-week specialized reading program for middle and high-school-aged children with dyslexia. Students use the state-of-the-art computer labs and classrooms for instruction and tutoring in the morning and then join the other campers for lunch and afternoon programs like swimming, archery, sports, arts and crafts, and more. Evening activities include all camp games, special events, and campfires. B.E.A.R. Camp is designed for students entering grades 6-10 with a functional reading level between grades 4-7 or a non-emotional/behavioral IEP for reading support.

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CAMPAIGN FOR

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Activities at Camp

Archery, Arts & Crafts, Basketball, Canoeing, Ceramics, Dance, Fashion, Fishing, Free Swim, Ga-Ga, Hiking, Improv, Musical Theater, Nature, Pickleball, Robotics, Rocketry, Soccer, Swim Lessons, Tennis ... and so much more!

Theme Weeks

Part of what makes camp so special are our theme weeks! Each week of camp has a unique theme – from Party in the USA week, to Color War Week, to Campstock, each has unique activities and programs.



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Financial Assistance

The Y strives to make our programs and services more affordable for everyone so that kids and adults can receive the educational, physical, and social benefits of our programs while reducing the stress on adults juggling work and household responsibilities with the uncertainties of life. Through our Y for All Fund, qualifying families and individuals can receive a reduced rate on Y programs. Even if you don't think you would qualify for assistance, we encourage you to apply.

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