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Summer Camps Adapt to Changing Needs by Offering Choice and Flexibility

Northbrook, Illinois: January 2012 –The temperature may be dropping and the New Year just started, but it's time to think about summer camp plans. While working parents often need to lock in multiple weeks of full-day summer child care, some parents are also looking for shorter-term solutions.

“My kids go every year to the Y camp. I really enjoy the flexibility of being able to sign up by the week, since we like to travel in the summer. And I am really excited that they are now doing half-day camps for the older kids. As a stay-at-home mom, I don't really want them gone all day,” says Northbrook resident Sarah Leverenz.

The North Suburban YMCA summer camp registration kicked off on Saturday, January 5th at their Camp Reunion Party. “We have a wide variety of day camps for every age,” says Shannon Cartier, Licensed Child Care Director at the North Suburban YMCA. “And we are very flexible. You can choose different camps over the course of eleven weeks, or even different morning and afternoon programs.”

Working parents appreciate the option of adding extended before/after care hours, or the lunch bunch time for half-day camp. Pick-up from local summer schools is very helpful because students in Northbrook schools often need a place to go when their program ends at lunch-time.

There is also a growing demand for camps designed for children and teens with special needs. While these kids often benefit from attending camp with their peers, they may do best if a one-on-one aide is available to help them.

Have a teen who is too old for day camp, but too young to be a camp counselor? A Counselor in Training Program can challenge them and ensure that they are not home alone during the day. This fun experience teaches them responsibility, while preparing them for a future camp counselor job when they are older.

Day campers on the North Shore benefit from the wide choice of field trips available right outside their doorstep. Some popular destinations include: Kohl's Children's Museum, water parks, bowling, laser tag, indoor trampoline centers, Lamb's Farm, and local theaters. These field trips can be a great bonding experience among campers and a welcome change of scenery, plus they are tons of fun!

The North Suburban YMCA's 2013 Summer Camp Guide is available at www.nsymca.org, and parents can register for as many weeks as desired. Financial assistance and payment plans are available. Camps run from June 10th-August 23rd, with full day care available from 7:30 am-6:00 pm.

About the North Suburban YMCA

The YMCA is a not-for-profit entity and relies on donations to fund capital improvements and keep its programs available to all, including those facing financial hardship. All board members are community volunteers, who donate their time, talents and financial resources. Located at 2705 Techny Road in Northbrook, the YMCA has served area families in its twelve-city region for over 40 years. The Y is about youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility, providing programs and services that meet the needs of our community and are accessible to all. For more information or to make a donation call Tara Bilby at 847-272-7250, tbilby@nsymca.org, or visit www.nsymca.org.

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Photo Caption: Campers enjoy the water slides at day camp at the North Suburban YMCA.

