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DOWNTOWN DAY CAMP

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THE COMPLETE CAMP EXPERIENCE

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MY Downtown Day Camp

MAKING MEMORIES SINCE 1992

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PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION

We are devoted to facilitating our campers' success in both the wide variety of activities we offer, and the relationships that they build. We are deeply committed to the social, emotional, and physical well-being of every child in our program, while challenging them to excel every step of the way. Our camp community is committed to helping every individual be the best that they can be.

BOB TOWNLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
RUSS SCHULMAN, PH.D, ASSOC. EXEC. DIR.

Founded by Manhattan Youth Executive Director Bob Townley, and with the help of Associate Executive Director Russ Schulman, the Downtown Day Camp has provided enriching summer experiences for thousands of children in New York City since 1992. Our Downtown Community Center, after-school, enrichment and summer programs serve more than 5,000 children in Lower Manhattan every year. Our priority is maintaining the highest possible standards of professional childcare. Our experienced team of education and childcare professionals have proven track records supervising our programs, and it shows!



JUNIOR DIVISION CAMP

Ages 4 - 8



SENIOR DIVISION CAMP

Ages 9 - 13

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WE OFFER THE WIDEST VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES IN MANHATTAN:

Swim Lessons • Organized Field Sport Instruction • Pier 25 Beach Volleyball & Mini-Golf
Ooey Goey Science • Karate • Tennis • Visual Arts • Craft Making • Movement & Dance • Drumming
Lego Construction • Gym Class • Camper Performances • Carnival • Animal Shows • Crazy Hat Day
Weekly Field Trips • Animal Hour & More!

SENIOR DIVISION DAILY CHOICE TIME INCLUDES:

Digital Media Lab • Art • Soccer • Basketball • Music • Performing Arts • Dance & More!

MY Downtown Day Camp

LEADERSHIP & STAFF

Our leadership team creates a safe, enriching and caring community. Our professional team has over 100 years of combined experience and has earned 10 B.A.s, 10 M.A.s, and 1 PhD in education and related fields. We support over 125 activity specialists and counselors, most of whom return each and every summer!

MAE-SUE GUERY, CAMP DIRECTOR

After 6 years as our Peck Slip After-School Program and Vacation Camp Director, along with 10 more years at Downtown Day Camp before that, Mae-Sue is now settling into her new role as our year-round camp director. New York City born and raised, she was even a student at PS 234 when it first opened way back when, so she has truly come full-circle. Mae-Sue's combination of professionalism, warmth and intelligence make her a favorite among the children, parents and staff who know her.

GABI SASSON-AJAMI, PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Working with Manhattan Youth since 1998, Gabi spent several years as Director of our IS 289 After-School Program, and has directed our Senior Division Camp. Her extensive experience in youth and recreation programs compliments her enthusiasm for working with our children, families, and staff. Gabi works closely with our camp team leaders, specialty staff, and counselors to ensure that we provide a safe, exciting, and fun-filled environment.



Bob and Russ have been at camp since the beginning in 1992!

TEAM LEADERS

Each group in camp is assigned to one of our Team Leaders/Division Supervisors, most of whom have worked with us for over 10 years! Our Team Leaders have a wealth of experience working in schools and camps as teachers and administrators. This added level of supervision ensures that our counselors are coached to meet the highest professional standards. It is typical for 100% of our team leaders to return each season.

ACTIVITY SPECIALISTS & COUNSELORS

We have experienced teachers and counselors working with the children at our camp. Most of our activity specialists and counselors return each season. When other camps hear about our staff return rates, they're simply speechless. Building the type of community that both campers and staff want to return to each summer is vitally important to us.

SUPERVISION RATIO

We believe the most important thing at camp is proper supervision, and safety. We are proud of the fact that our overall camper to staff ratio is approximately 3 to 1 at the Downtown Day Camp.



Meet Our Team



Mae-Sue



Gabi



Allison



Lamont



Tammy, Pam & Harriet



Beth & Sam



Andrew



Vinny & Sal



Shirley, Linda, Lee Ann & Stacy

MY Downtown Day Camp

FACILITIES

DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER

Our Downtown Community Center, located directly behind PS 234, has 30,000 square feet of air-conditioned activity space. Highlights include a 75 foot pool, two large art studios, a dance and karate studio, and several other age-appropriate activity rooms.

PS 234

Serving as the home base for our camp, this beautiful, air-conditioned building includes a gymnasium, auditorium, cafeteria, two large play yards, and more!

OUTDOOR BALL FIELDS

We utilize the beautiful Battery Park City ball fields directly across from PS 89. Our campers also use the fields in Hudson River Park, and on Pier 25.

PS/IS 89

This modern, air-conditioned facility includes a huge gymnasium, fully-equipped theater, and special activity rooms for our Senior Division campers to enjoy.

PIER 25

We take full advantage of this incredible outdoor space. This marvel of engineering and recreational planning has a ball field, beach volleyball courts, mini-golf course, playground, and cool summer breezes! It just doesn't get any better than that!



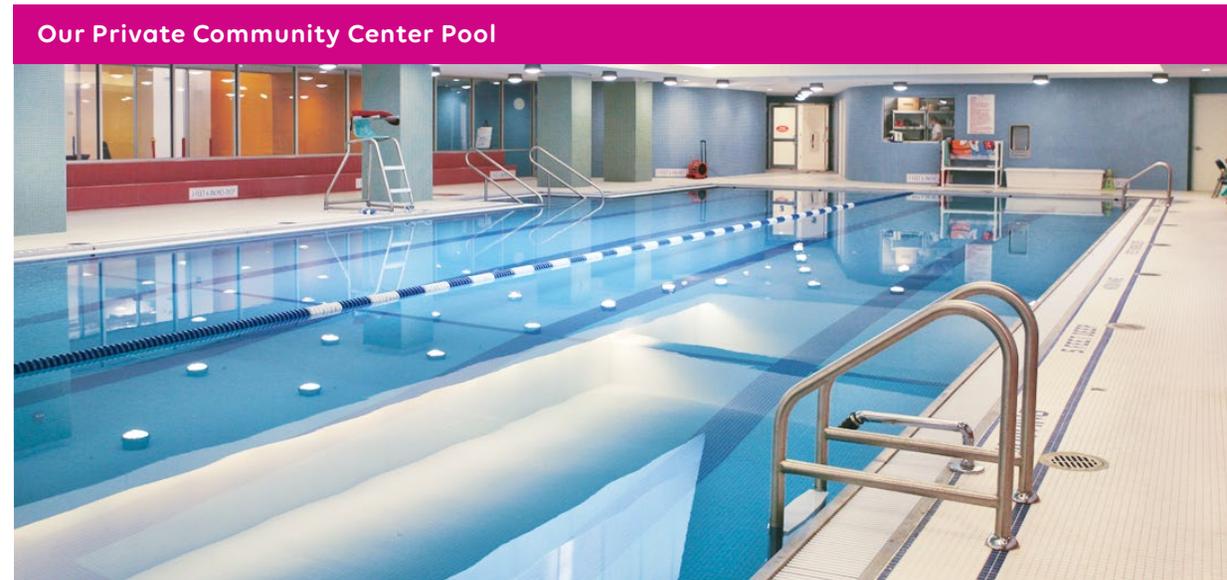
Pier 25 Volleyball Court



Battery Park City Ball Fields



Learn To Swim Program



Our Private Community Center Pool

MY Downtown Day Camp

TRIPS & SPECIAL EVENTS

TRIPS

JUNIOR DIVISION:

Pier 25! Being on Tribeca's Pier 25 transports you "Out of the City." A camp favorite for years even before it was renovated. Miniature golf, beach volleyball, playgrounds, games and more! Bowling Fun! Our campers always enjoy their trips to the air-conditioned bowling alley where they can knock down some pins with their friends.

SENIOR DIVISION:

Our oldest campers enjoy a different trip each week. Past favorite trips have included minor league baseball games, Liberty Science Center, Bounce U, and bowling. Campers love Pier 25's mini-golf, beach volleyball, and outdoor sports field, right on the Hudson River.

SPECIAL EVENTS

CAMP CARNIVAL - JR. & SR. DIVISIONS:

Did you say dunk tank? It just doesn't get any better than campers throwing a ball to dunk their favorite counselors. Games, rides, obstacle courses and prizes make carnival day a favorite!

CRAZY HAT DAY - JR. & SR. DIVISIONS:

Creations range from kitchen sink and baseball card hats to gumdrop and floppy court jester hats with moons and stars!

ANIMAL SHOWS - JR. & SR. DIVISIONS:

Wildlife conservationists and environmental educators safely share a variety of live animals ranging from alligators and snakes to porcupines!

SONG SHOWS - JR. DIVISION:

Always a favorite, family and friends are invited to watch each group of campers in our fun-filled group sing-a-longs.

SONG & TALENT SHOWS - SR. DIVISION:

Our song and talent shows rival the best acts on Broadway. Campers' families are invited to see the stars shine!



Animal Shows



Field Trips



Camp Carnival



Organized Field Sports



Bounce House



Carnival Day Celebration

Junior Division Camp

AGES 4-8

JUNIOR DIVISION

Our Junior Division introduces campers to a wide variety of athletics, aquatics, arts and enrichment activities. This offers them opportunities to explore potential areas of interest and practice skills in a fun, safe, and supportive environment.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our leadership team of experienced education and child-care professionals supports more than 100 activity specialists and counselors to ensure your child has the best possible experience. Each camper's physical, social, and emotional well-being is a priority to us all.



Downtown Day Duck Visits Camp

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

HEALTHY MORNING & AFTERNOON SNACKS PROVIDED

MORNING MEETING & FUN EXERCISES!

FIELD SPORT INSTRUCTION: SOCCER, WHIFFLE BALL, ETC.

ARTS & CRAFTS OR OOEY GOOEY SCIENCE CLASS

LUNCH AND SONG SHOW PRACTICE

LEGO CONSTRUCTION OR MOVEMENT/DANCE

TENNIS OR KARATE

SWIM CLASS!



PROGRAM

Our program is designed to peak the interests of our campers while challenging them to try new things. Creating opportunities for successful participation in activities while building positive social relationships with other campers and staff, is what our Junior Division is all about.

ACTIVITIES

Our activities include: swimming, field sports, gym class, karate, tennis, visual arts, craft making, ooey gooey science, lego construction, camper song shows, field trips to Pier 25, bowling, special events and more!

LUNCH AND SNACKS

We provide lunch free of charge daily. However, you are welcome to send a lunch from home if you choose. We also provide fresh fruit, pretzels, and water during snack times.



We have a full-time camp nurse on-site!

Junior Division Aquatics

AGES 4-8

AQUATICS PROGRAM

Swimming takes place in our private Downtown Community Center pool. Beth, our Aquatics Director, works with us year-round. When it comes to learning how to swim in a safe, fun and positive environment, Beth knows how to make it all happen!

Learning to swim is an integral part of our camp programs (we are, after all, on an island!). Our experienced aquatics team follow a time-tested curriculum, allowing children to learn at their own pace in groups based on ability. We offer a firm foundation for beginners, and challenge more experienced swimmers to learn proper strokes and techniques as well.

STAFF

Our swim staff includes three certified swimming instructors, three American Red Cross Certified Lifeguards, three teaching assistants, and our aquatics director. In total, we have over ten full-time staff on deck at our pool, not including the group's counselors, who assist and make sure your child is safe and having fun while learning how to swim.

LESSONS

Swim classes are comprised of, on average, six to eight children, one instructor, one instructor's aide, and one of the group's counselors. In addition to our highly structured swim lessons, supervised free-swim time is an important part of the learning process. It is an excellent way for kids to practice what they learn in class.



We have certified swim instructors and lifeguards on staff, so our campers learn and have fun safely!



Our Full-Time Pool Staff



Beat The Heat In Our Private Pool



Great Swim Instructors



Fun With Friends

Junior Division Athletics

AGES 4-8



Organized Field Sports



Intro to Tennis



Our Four Athletic Directors

ATHLETICS PROGRAM

Andrew and Sal our, Athletic Directors, have over 30 years of experience as physical education teachers and supervise our athletic instructors. Our Athletics Program offers a wide array of organized, age-appropriate games and sports—a daily curriculum of fun! We balance individual skill and confidence-building activities with team games and sports. We help novice players feel good about themselves and offer opportunities to challenge the abilities of the more accomplished athletes. Fun and safety are our highest priorities!

FIELD SPORTS

On the Battery Park City ballfields, sports are an integral part of the camp experience. Soccer, kickball, t-ball, whiffle ball, relay races, running games, capture the flag, and parachute games are all a part of the program. Drinking water is always available at the field. On high heat index days, we use the camp yards, gyms or other indoor spaces instead.

P.E. CLASSES

Each week our campers enjoy a variety of gym sports and games taught by real P.E. Teachers: basketball, whiffle ball, soccer, relay races, parachute games, batting practice, steal the bacon, four corners and more! The gym is a perfect recreation area rain or shine!

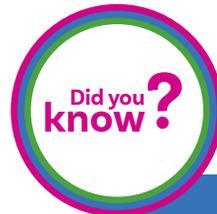


TENNIS

We offer group tennis instruction to our campers. We focus on helping campers learn to hit the ball in a fun and safe environment. This introduces them to a great sport that they can enjoy for a lifetime.

KARATE

One of our most popular activities at camp, karate is fun for all ages! We have several Tae Kwon Do black belts on our staff who have been teaching karate with us at camp for years. Children may have the opportunity to take an advancement test for a certificate or belt during the summer. They also have the option to continue practicing with us during the school year.



We use the beautiful Battery Park City, Hudson River Park and Pier 25 ballfields.

Junior Division Arts & Sciences

AGES 4-8

ARTS PROGRAM

We are very proud of our extensive Arts Program, which consists of five main components: Visual Arts, Crafts, Music and Drumming, Movement and Song Shows.

VISUAL ARTS

Under the guidance of our experienced art teachers in Studio 1, campers explore sketching with charcoal, painting like Matisse, sculpting with putty, and more. Wait till you see what they bring home!

MUSIC AND DRUMMING

Our music program encourages children to get in the groove. It also introduces campers to the rhythms of West African drums. From improvising beats to accompanying stories, to jamming and having a great time, campers love our music program.



Visual Arts

OOEY GOOEY SCIENCE & LEGO CONSTRUCTION

These new activities are instant camper hits! From learning chemistry by mixing up goeey globs and making volcanoes erupt, to building Lego bridges and skyscrapers while letting the creative juices flow, we learn about science while having fun at camp!

CRAFT-MAKING

Teachers and campers in Studio 2 explore fun craft-making projects with wood, tile, beads, clay, heavy paper, felt, pom-poms and more! These multi-dimensional pieces will be sure to brighten up your summer.

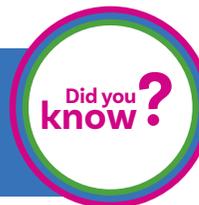
MOVEMENT

Movement and dance build coordination and flexibility, while encouraging creative expression. Our movement specialist brings years of teaching experience to the high-energy sessions that are fun for both girls and boys! We like to keep movin' to the music at the Junior Division!

SONG SHOWS

Always a favorite for both campers and parents, our famous Junior Division song shows light up the auditorium each season. Families and friends are invited to watch each group of campers in a fun and exciting sing-a-long. You won't want to miss it!

Campers will bring home their beautiful art projects to share with you!



Ooeey Gooey Science Class



Music & Drumming



Movement



Field Sports

Senior Division Camp

Ages 9-13

SENIOR DIVISION

Our Senior Division day camp is designed to meet the needs and desires of older campers. Our age-appropriate activities are geared toward keeping 4th – 8th graders energized and engaged.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our leadership team of experienced child-care professionals support our activity specialists and counselors to ensure your child has the best possible experience. We focus on each camper's physical, social, and emotional well-being.

LUNCH AND SNACKS

We provide lunch free of charge daily. However, you are welcome to send a lunch from home if you choose. We also provide fresh fruit, pretzels, and water during snack times.



Camp Carnival



Pier 25 Mini Golf

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

HEALTHY MORNING & AFTERNOON SNACKS PROVIDED

MORNING ARRIVAL EXERCISE PARTY

PIER 25 MINI-GOLF OR VOLLEYBALL

ORGANIZED FIELD SPORTS

LUNCH AND TEAM BUILDING GAMES

CAMPER'S CHOICE TIME

MUSIC OR ART CLASS

SWIM LESSONS OR FREE SWIM!



PROGRAM

Our program is designed to offer a variety of activities, giving consideration to campers' preferences. A daily choice period is integral to supporting the more specific interests of our older campers. Within our Senior Division, creating opportunities for successful participation while building positive social relationships with other campers is a top priority.

ACTIVITIES

Our activities include swimming, field sports, digital media, gym sports, visual arts, Pier 25, volleyball, miniature golf, individualized "choice periods," exciting field trips and more!



Pier 25 is a regular part of our Senior Division Day Camp Program!

Senior Division Camp

Ages 9-13

CHOICE TIME PERIOD

Campers have a daily choice activity period. Campers may choose activities such as basketball, soccer, visual arts, dance, digital media, music, and more!

FIELD TRIPS

Campers enjoy a different trip each week. Past favorite trips have included minor league baseball games, Liberty Science Center, Bounce U, and bowling. Campers are always excited to return to the mini-golf, beach volleyball courts, and cool summer breezes at Pier 25!

VISUAL ARTS

This program is designed to help campers build artistic skills while inspiring creativity. Individual and group projects are displayed at our end of summer show.

GYM SPORTS

Our athletics staff teaches campers both individual skills and teamwork in our air-conditioned gymnasium. Activities include basketball, volleyball, indoor soccer, relay races and more.



SWIMMING

Swimming is an integral part of our camp program. Our professional and experienced aquatics staff follow a time-tested curriculum, allowing children to learn at their own pace in groups with swimmers of similar abilities. Supervised free-swim is also an important part of the learning process and an excellent way for kids to practice.

FIELD SPORTS

On the Battery Park City ball fields we play soccer, kickball, field hockey, relay races, capture the flag and beach volleyball. Drinking water is always available at the fields.

PIER 25

Pier 25 is a favorite attraction for our campers. Our Senior Division's close proximity allows them to take full advantage of the pier twice a week. The miniature golf and beach volleyball sessions there will once again be a highlight of the camp experience.



Senior Division Day Campers get to decide what activity they do during choice time!



Our Private Pool



Visual Arts



Digital Media Lab

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Permit No. 4



Battery Park City Ball Fields

2 – 8 WEEK OPTIONS AVAILABLE

SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS!

**Early Drop-Off
&
Late Pick-Up Options**



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