



Downtown Day Camp

Making Memories Since 1992

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JUNIORS
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- Swim Lessons
- Field Sports
- Robotics
- P.E. Classes
- Pier 25
- Ooey Goey Science
- Karate
- Computer Media Lab
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- Visual Arts
- Craft Making
- Animal Hour
- Music & Drumming
- Lego Construction
- Song Shows
- Weekly Field Trips

NEW

STEM

Athletics

Aquatics

Arts

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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!

WE OFFER THE WIDEST VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES IN MANHATTAN:

Private Pool • Swim Lessons • Field Sports • PE Classes • Pier 25 • Karate • Computer Media Lab
Ooey Goey Science • Tennis • Visual Arts • Craft Making • Robotics • Music & Drumming • Animal Hour
Lego Construction • Song Shows • Weekly Field Trips

SENIOR DIVISION DAILY CHOICE TIME INCLUDES:

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



JUNIOR DIVISION CAMP

Ages 4 - 8



SENIOR DIVISION CAMP

Ages 9 - 13

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!

GABI AJAMI, DIRECTOR

Working with Manhattan Youth since 1998, Gabi spent several years as Director of our IS 289 After-School Program, and as our Associate Camp Director. 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.

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.

Did you know?

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

Meet Our Team



Gabi



Allison



Stacy



Lamont



Tammy, Pam & Harriet



Ryan & Rob



Andrew



Vinny & Sal



Shirley, Tamika, Xen, Mariana & Dia

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, computer media lab, 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!

BATTERY PARK CITY 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!



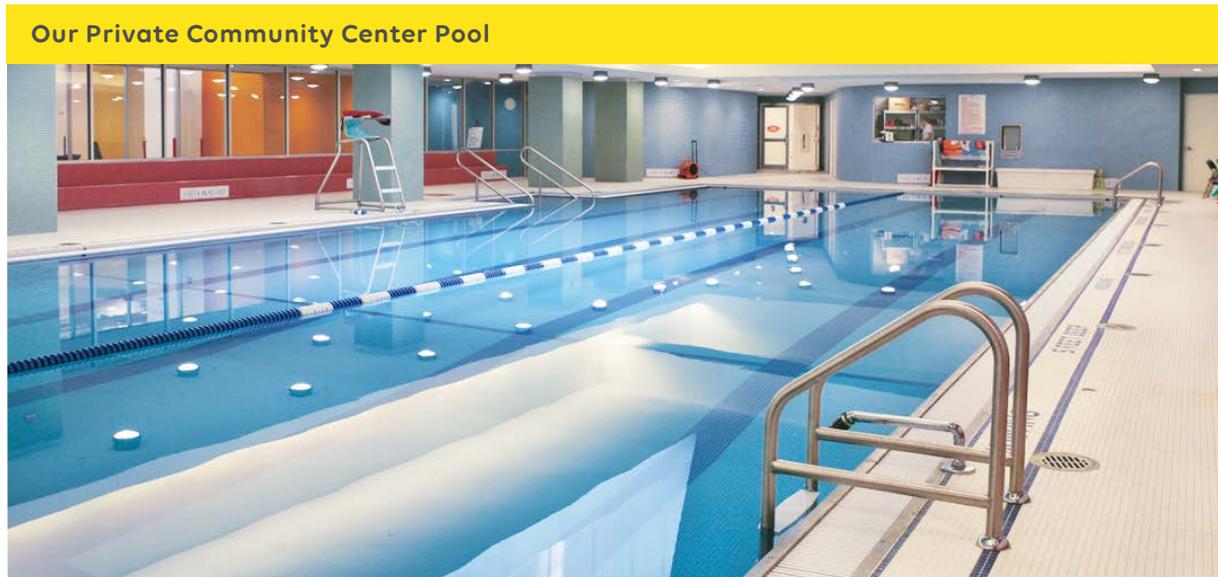
Pier 25 Volleyball Court



Battery Park City Ball Fields



Learn To Swim Program



Our Private Community Center Pool

MY Downtown Day Camp

TRIPS & SPECIAL EVENTS

TRIPS

JUNIORS AGES 4-8:

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.

SENIORS AGES 9-13:

Our oldest campers enjoy a different trip each week. Past favorite trips have included Brooklyn Aquarium, Liberty Science Center, Bounce U, MSG games, and bowling. Campers also enjoy Pier 25's mini-golf, beach volleyball, and cool breeze, right on the Hudson River twice a week.

SPECIAL EVENTS

CAMP CARNIVAL

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

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

ANIMAL SHOWS

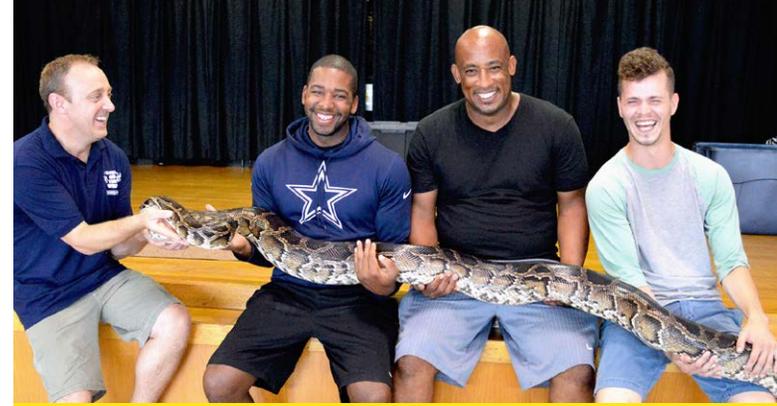
Wildlife conservationists and environmental educators safely share a variety of live animals ranging from alligators and snakes to porcupines!

SONG & TALENT SHOWS

Always a favorite, family and friends are invited to watch campers in our fun-filled group song and talent shows.

CAMP NIGHT OUT

Campers and families are invited to a rockin' DJ dance party on Pier 25 to mingle with our staff.



Animal Shows



Camp Carnival



Our Pier 25 Mini-Golf Course



Organized Field Sports

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.

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.

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.

ACTIVITIES

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



Song Show Performance

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!

Did you know?



Carnival Day Celebration



Downtown Day Duck Visits Camp



Junior Division Aquatics

AGES 4-8

AQUATICS PROGRAM

Swimming takes place daily 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.



Beat The Heat In Our Private Pool



Great Swim Instructors



Fun With Friends



Our Full-Time Pool Staff

Did you know?

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

Junior Division Athletics

AGES 4-8



Karate



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.

Did you know?

Junior Division Arts & STEM

AGES 4-8

VISUAL ARTS AND CRAFT-MAKING

In our Visual Arts Studio, students work on different visual arts projects like charcoal sketching, acrylic and water color painting, scratch art, and more! In our Craft-Making Studio, students work on multi-dimensional projects with wood, tile, beads, clay, heavy paper, felt, pom-poms and more!

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.

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!

ROBOTICS

Campers build, test, and program autonomous robots to become familiar with the technology and learn how to think like scientists and engineers in this awesome activity!

OOEY GOOEY SCIENCE

Chemistry is taught by mixing up gooey blobs, making volcanoes erupt, and building lava lamps! Learning can't get much more fun than this!

LEGO CONSTRUCTION

Building Lego skyscrapers, bridges, houses, roadways, and more has become a favorite STEM activity for all ages at camp!

ANIMAL EDUCATION

Whether in our science studio or with our own visiting exotic animal specialist, campers love, love, love our animal education activities!



Lego Building & Robotics



Music & Drumming



Fun With Science STEM Class





Field Trips

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.

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.

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.

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.



Camp Carnival

ACTIVITIES

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



Field Sports



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

Did you know?

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 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.

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

Our daily swim periods include both lessons and free swim, so campers can learn at their own pace and have fun cooling off! Our instructors work with both beginners and advanced swimmers year-round.

STEM

Combining engineering principles, digital media, and general science, our Senior Division STEM activities include: Robotics, Computer Media Lab, Fun With Science, and Lego Construction!

FIELD TRIPS

Unique weekly trips geared towards our older campers have included Coney Island Aquarium, Staten Island Yankee and New York Liberty Games, Liberty Science Center, Bounce U, and more.

PIER 25

Pier 25 is a favorite among our campers! Its close proximity allows our Seniors to take full advantage twice a week, enjoying our mini-golf course and beach volleyball courts!



Our Private Pool



Visual Arts



Digital Media Lab

Did you know?

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

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Battery Park City Ball Fields

**Early/Late
Options**



**2 - 8
Weeks**



JUNIORS
AGES 4-8

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

- Morning Arrival Exercise Party
- Field Sport Instruction: Soccer, Whiffle Ball, etc.
- Arts & Crafts or Ooey Gooey Science Class
- Lunch and Song Show Practice
- Lego Construction or Robotics
- Tennis or Karate
- Swim Class!



SENIORS
AGES 9-13

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

- Morning Arrival Exercise Party
- Pier 25 Mini-Golf or Beach Volleyball
- Robotics or Fun With Science
- Organized Field Sports
- Lunch and Team Building Games
- Camper's Choice Time
- Music or Art Class
- Swim Class!

