

When school is out

THE Y IS IN!

NORTH AINSLIE
21 DEC - 29 JAN

Vacation Care operates 8am to 6pm

YMCA Canberra offers holiday programs where children are encouraged to play and have fun in a safe and stimulating environment. Our programs enable children to interact with nature, explore scientific experiments, participate in sport, creative and dramatic arts, play and explore.

At this stage, all bookings are still going ahead but we will continue to monitor and follow closely the advice of the NSW Government in terms of Coronavirus precautions.

We have an action-packed holiday program planned but need your help to make it happen!

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Creating Magic Moments

Welcome to Day 1 of a 3 Day Experience that will lift the spirits of all those who attend. We embark upon the holiday season, one that will represent various emotions to our community and families after a difficult year. The children will be creating magical moments or gifts for those they feel need a sprinkle of magic at this time of year. Of course we will have our creative elf hats on as we get to work. This will lead us into day two as we load up our bus 'I mean sled' the night before.



The communityY Crew

Day 2 sees us hit the Canberra Community with our sled loaded to deliver some Holiday Season/Christmas joy to those the children feel they wish to support. There will be a few other stops along the way to donate items that are on behalf of our Y After School Care Programs that have been a part of this fantastic initiative. We are reminded that together, we really can make the world a better place.



Feast Your Eyes On This!

Day 3, the final day of our incredible combined efforts, sees us reflect on ourselves and what this season means to us individually, what other opportunities are out there each day to make a small difference in our communities or the life of another. It wouldn't be complete without a Christmas Party with all the treats and tunes Christmas brings us. We invite the families attending this week along to join the children and our wonderful educators from 3pm - 5pm.



Relaxation Day

It is time to kick back and relax and enjoy the school holidays! To get our bodies moving we have a tranquil space for yoga and if you love being crafty, we will be making our own dream catchers. In the afternoon, we will chill out in front of our giant inflatable movie screen.

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Beach Day

Today we will be transporting ourselves to the beach. What better way to enjoy our time at the beach than building sandcastles? With some beautiful shells we will be designing some amazing jewellery pieces for you to take home. A beach day would not be complete without playing frisbee with our friends.



Shore is Fun Day

Get ready for some fun in the sun at Lake Burley GriffFUN! Adventure Squad with Paddle Hub will be hosting a day full of activities including kayaks, paddle boards, shore side water games, BBQ, with an outdoor cinema and much more.

Excursion: Shore is Fun at The Arc. Depart Centre: 10:00am. Arrive Centre: 2:00pm



Hawaiian Day

Aloha! To begin our day we will be following in the Hawaiian tradition of making our own leis and hula skirts. After we look and feel the part we will be making our own ice blocks filled with tropical flavours. It wouldn't be a day in Hawaii without a game of volleyball played with your friends.



Water Play Day

Splish splash we're having a water play day! We will be starting the day by going to the Ainslie Oval to have an action-packed morning at the various water play stations hosted by the incredible team over at Active Attitudes!

Throughout the day the children who are fascinated with water experiments will have the opportunity to become junior scientists.

Excursion: Water Play at Ainslie Oval - Depart Centre: 9:30am. Arrive Centre: 12:30pm

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Teddy Bear's Picnic

Bring your fluffy companions and your empty stomachs to fill up on a day full of fun. We will be indulging on a teddy bears picnic where we will eat together and play parachute games. It wouldn't be a teddy bears picnic without going on a bear hunt whilst wearing our handcrafted teddy bear headbands.



Camp Cottermouth

Get ready campers! Today we will be exploring the great outdoors and what nature has to offer us. We will enjoy mindfulness activities in the garden as well as collecting leaves, flowers and more, to create a collage to take home. Have you hats, drink bottles and nature outfits on for a great day.

Excursion: Camp Cottermouth. Depart Centre: 9:00am. Arrive Centre: 1:00pm



Our Earth

Today we will be giving back to our planet and learning about our local environment. We will be making our own calico shopping bags. One to keep and one to give as a gift. Later in the afternoon, we will go on an adventure and explore our local wetlands.



Gardening Gurus

Who doesn't love getting in the garden on a beautiful summers' day? As 'gardening gurus' we will explore what nature has to offer us at the Botanic Gardens. Taking our knowledge back to the centre we will be decorating pots and planting seeds. Don't forget our favourite garden friends Mr Gnome who will be joining the party.

Excursion: Australian National Botanic Gardens. Depart Centre: 9:30am. Arrive Centre: 12:30pm

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Wheel's Day

Bikes, scooters, skateboards, or unicycles! If it has wheels, bring it! We will spend the day embracing the beautiful spring weather and riding our wheels around on the oval bike track. We will also be learning to create other forms of wheels such as balloon cars, which we will race in the afternoon.



Theatre Day

LIGHTS, CAMERA! ACTION! Today we will go through the exciting experience of creating our own plays! We will first write a script, and then create the props. Later in the afternoon, we will put on a performance for everyone to watch. This will be happening at 4:00pm, families are invited to come watch.



Cockington Green

A day full of miniature things, some would call it magic! For our day of enchantment, we will become miniature chefs baking very small muffins. That will be decorated as charming gardens. To finish the day off we will bring magic to life and create some paper roll friends - unicorns, wizards maybe even a fairy.

Excursion: Cockington Green. Depart Centre: 9:45am. Arrive Centre: 12:45pm



Experiment Extravaganza

Today we have an exciting day filled with doing all things science! We will step into the curious, fun and messy world of science experiments such as making slime and volcanos, seeing what happens when Mentos and coke are mixed together.



Crazy Colours Day

Get ready for a day of experimentation with colours! You will have the opportunity to tie-dye your very own pair of socks to take home and wear. We will then be turning playdough into the colours of the rainbow.

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