BUILDING CONFIDENCE

Discover Sky-Y & Saddle Up at Chauncey Ranch

VALLEY OF THE SUN YMCA CAMPS

SUMMER CAMPS 2015
FUN IS AN INSIDE JOB AT THE Y

Sky-Y and Chauncey Ranch camps make our children better people. This is our goal, our passion, our mission. It’s what separates us from all other camps. Our activities, from rock climbing to dance to swimming, emphasize human values such as self-esteem, caring and responsibility.

These life-changing transformations essentially will be invisible in the eyes of your kids; they’ll just have fun. But these traits, by all known standards of humanity, are values your children can carry with them always. They will be guideposts by which they will be measured as they pass through life. Do they treat their brothers and sisters with love and respect? Later on, their wives or husbands with honesty and caring? And their own children with the adoration you have for them today?

We keep all of this in mind while making sure your children have the time of their lives. Activities in the weeklong camps range from ceramics and photography to bouldering and ranch work. All the while, your children will be learning internal values that are not emphasized in summer camps offered by other public and private institutions.

We are the Y, where your child is never a number. He or she is a precious child who needs the guidance we provide for their lives today and the days ahead.
KIDS: LIVE THE GOOD LIFE

Remember last summer when you’d tell mom “I’m bored,” and she’d say go outside and find something to do. It didn’t make much sense; it was 105 degrees out there and getting hotter by the minute. So you’d sit inside playing games on your tablet or phone, or maybe you’d flip on daytime TV and its wasteland of nothingness.

Guess what? It’s going to be 105 degrees again this summer. But you don’t have to be bored. You can have the time of your life at Sky-Y and Chauncey Ranch summer camps in the much cooler mountains of Arizona. There’s fun stuff to do from sunrise to long after sunset, like canoeing, swimming, horseback riding and a whole lot more.

Flip through these page and decide what you want to do. Then tell mom she won’t have to nag you this summer. She can send you to the Y’s summer camp!
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**ACTIVITIES**

Advanced Ceramics, Archery, Arts & Crafts, Bouldering, Camp Crafts, Campfires, Canoeing, Ceramics, Cooking, Dance, All Camp Dance, Dugglers (mountain scooters), Drama, Giant Swing, High Ropes 1, High Ropes 2, Hiking, Mountain Boards, Nature Classes, Opening Jamboree, Paintball, Paintball Target Shooting, Photography, Pine Cone Dedication, Pool Games, Skit Night, Swimming

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**DISCOVER CAMP**

**Campers ages 7-8**

A great introduction to “sleep-away” camp. Our counselors help campers make new friends while they discover the fun activities at camp. Supervised by nurturing leaders, Discovery Campers participate in activities as a cabin group and focus on the basics of camp.

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**EXPLORER CAMP**

**Camper ages 9-11**

As campers get older, they have the opportunity to choose more of their own schedule. The Explorers focus on social and personal growth as they learn to increase their responsibility.

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**CHALLENGER CAMP**

**Campers ages 12-16**

The goal for this age group is to have a well-rounded camp experience. As a Challenger Camper, there is a balance between challenging themselves with new activities and spending time with friends. In the morning, Challenger Campers have an opportunity to build strong bonds with their cabinmates and friends. In the afternoon, under staff guidance, the oldest campers are able to choose their afternoon activities and create new activities for the social networking that is so important at this age.
A BETTER WAY TO LIVE

At the Sky-Y and Chauncey Ranch camps we know that people who are rich in values and traits such as caring, responsibility, respect, and trustworthiness live better lives. They are busy helping others and have no time to feel sorry for themselves. They are happy in life and are content with themselves. They have basically learned to be good citizens.

The Y is deeply committed to making our young campers better people by gently showing them these values can be learned at any age and carried with them for life. They see that in our counselors. They see that at the Sky-Y and Chauncey Ranch camps.

We are an organization without equal. We are the Y.

SECRET AGENT CAMP

Campers ages 12-16
Fee: $605, limited enrollment
Dates: Available every session
Campers will focus on team building, leadership, stealth skills and surveillance tactics during this program. These skills will be enhanced through playing paintball every day, as well as the opportunity to play during the evening/night. Traditional camp activities will be supplemented during the week.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Campers ages 9-16
Fee: $605, limited enrollment
Dates: • June 7 - June 13
• June 21 - June 27
• June 28 - July 4
• July 12 - July 18
• July 19 - July 25
Campers will have the opportunity to participate in ecology investigations, conduct experiments and collect local insects, amphibians, and reptiles to use in terrariums for camp to view. They will also learn basic survival skills, and use those skills on an overnight in the Prescott National Forest. Campers will also be able to participate in the traditional camp activities.
YMCA CAMP SKY-Y
SUMMER 2015 DATES & THEMES

COUNSELORS-IN-TRAINING (CIT)

Campers ages 16-17
Fee: $1000, limited enrollment
Dates: • CIT A: June 14 - June 27
      • CIT B: July 5 - July 18

This 2-week program is an introduction to learning basic camp counselor skills as well as the opportunity to work with children in a camp setting. The focus of the program is to learn to lead, motivate, and teach campers about the important role camp plays in their lives, as well as teach them lifelong activities such as canoeing, fishing, and even help them learn to ride a horse. CITs will learn/lead camp songs, games, skits, and camp activities; and the importance of implementing the core values of the YMCA into the camper’s camp experience. Participants will have the opportunity to visit other camps in the area and share their skills with CITs in their program. This program involves a 2-3 night overnight that will focus on leadership and communication skills. CITs will have the opportunity to shadow Sr. Staff and counselors and to assist them with daily programming, as well as to begin to utilize what they have learned during the program. An application is required and CITs will be selected on the basis of maturity, prior leadership experiences, volunteer work, and or child care experience.
RESPECTING YOURSELF AND OTHERS

There’s an old saying, ‘it’s hard to love others if you don’t love yourself.” We feel the same holds true with respect. We learn self-respect by living a life that deserves it. One of our goals at camp is to lead by example, showing children how to be responsible and resourceful ... and how living these values creates the self-respect everyone seeks. Your children may not understand the concept, but they most certainly will like the feeling of self-respect.

While passing along our values, we never neglect your child’s physical well-being. We encourage our campers toward healthier lives through fun and exciting camp activities that gradually tell their bodies physical activity is fun. In turn, their minds begin feeling better about themselves.

We are like no other.
We are the Y.
CHAUNCEY RANCH
SUMMER 2015 DATES

SESSIONS

Session 1  JUNE 7-13
Session 2  JUNE 14-20
Session 3  JUNE 21-27
Session 4  JUNE-JULY 28-4
Session 6  JULY 12-18
Session 7  JULY 19-25

WHERE FRIENDSHIPS ARE FORMED

We’re here day in and day out to nurture your children as they prepare for life ... to show them that friendships formed during camp are at least as important as the skills they learn.

We teach young minds how to be leaders ... and good followers when appropriate. We help them learn to communicate with kindness, how to have fun as part of the crowd, and how to form friendships that help them become part of a team.

Our job is more than teaching them a skill at camp. Our job is to improve young minds as well as young bodies. We are here for them. We are the Y.

ACTIVITIES

Horseback Riding, Horse Husbandry, Trail Rides/Ring Rides, Canoeing, Swimming, Fishing, High Ropes, Team Building, Arts/Crafts, Archery, Riflery, Sporting Clays, Field Games, Rock Climbing, Zip Line, Skit Night, Dance, Hikes

RANCH

Campers ages 7-16

Only one hour north of Phoenix, in the high chaparral country of central Arizona, Chauncey Ranch is a real working ranch for kids. The ranch has 11 bunkhouses that are cool and close to the modern shower houses. Through ranch activities that focus on building confidence, as well as fostering positive values, campers will learn that they can accomplish more than they ever thought possible. Campers participate in progressive age-appropriate activities.
Camper ages 9-12
These lessons are designed for beginner or casual riders interested in learning about horses and basic riding. A one-hour lesson per day (Mon-Fri) on a horse comfortably sized for your child. On the last day campers will go on a one-hour trail ride out on the Ranch with experienced professional equestrian staff. This is the most popular equestrian program at the Ranch and fills quickly. Limited weekly enrollment. It will build self-esteem and serve as a stepping stone to move on to Vaqueros and then Cowboy Camp.
CHAUNCEY RANCH
SUMMER 2015 DATES

VAQUEROS
Campers ages 11-14
Dates: Available every session
Vaqueros is a program geared toward campers who want to learn more about horses and real ranch life. This program offers the popularity of traditional camp activities with an emphasis on horseback riding while working with the wranglers. Half of the day is spent at the barn improving riding skills, caring for horses, and doing ranch-work such as feeding the herd or riding fences that surround the ranch. The other half of the day is spent enjoying the regular Chauncey activities. This camp will help participants who would like to move on to Cowboy Camp.

COWBOY CAMP
Campers ages 12-16
Dates: • June 7 - June 20
    • June 21 - July 4
    • July 5 - July 18
A two-week program geared toward current riders who have a working knowledge of horses and basic horsemanship. Campers live in the “Cowboy Barn” and spend the day working the ranch and on horseback. Program objectives include: improving basic riding skills and learning about specialties such as roping, barrel racing, English riding, and rodeo at the end of the session.

Each icon symbolizes a life skill our camp programs promote. Look for them next to the camp description for specific values of each camp.

- Caring
- Respect
- Honesty
- Responsibility
- Leadership
- Self Esteem
- Team Building
SPORTSMAN’S CAMP

Campers ages 10-16

Dates: • June 7 - June 13
• July 19 - July 25

This program will focus on 3 of our most popular activities offered at Chauncey Ranch: Archery, Riflery and Sporting Clays. This camp teaches the basic safety training for each discipline as well as the opportunity for campers to try to become a fine marksman by shooting at targets, metal spinners, and clay pigeons. The course will be lead by staff that are certified by the NRA and the AZ Game and Fish Department. Campers will also participate in, fishing, high ropes/climbing as well as learning outdoor survival skills. This is a great introductory camp for the outdoor enthusiast.

COUNSELORS-IN-TRAINING (CIT)

Campers ages 16-17

Dates: • July 5 - July 18

This two-week program is geared toward Cowboy Camp Graduates who are year-round riders and already have a strong working knowledge of horses and horsemanship. CIT is an introduction to learning how to work with horses and teach children, as well as learning the roles and duties of a Wrangler. CITs will learn song and game leadership, behavior management, the skill of teaching equine activities, and how to incorporate the YMCA core values into ranch life. CITs will have an opportunity to shadow a Wrangler and put some of their learned skills to use by helping as an assistant Wrangler, and will also be engaged in typical ranch and equestrian-style activities. An application is required and CITs will be chosen on the basis of maturity, prior leadership, work or volunteer experience, and documented equine experience.
**Dates:** September 4 - September 7  
YMCA Family Camps are designed for families of all make-ups and ages. It is common to have single parent families, grandparents with grandkids, 2 parent families with kids and friends, first timers, old timers and multi-generational families. The activities are planned so you can be as BUSY as you wish or you could sit and enjoy a good book. Typically, there are some activities that the camp staff will lead for your school age children (age 5-8) so mom and dad can do something together. Big Adventures and Sky-Y Explorers activities are for children age 2-8 and happen in the morning. Please refer to valleyYMCA.org for more information.
WINTER CAMP

Campers ages 8–16
Fee: $300
Dates: December 28 – January 1

This winter wonderland program is offered to campers who want to spend the New Year at their favorite overnight camp. They will get to enjoy some of the same activities of summer camp, plus some seasonal winter programs. Campers will have the chance to re-connect with their friends and favorite counselors before they get to come back for the summer.
YMCA Camp Sky-Y and YMCA Chauncey Ranch offer Day Trips and Overnight Visits for schools interested in Outdoor Education, Team Building/Ropes Courses, or Diversity Camps/Unitowns. We not only have the facility for rental but also offer a variety of programs which include: archery, nature hiking, climbing tower, orienteering, high ropes course, team building, cultural history, outdoor science classes, and more. Over 50 schools visit us every year.

YMCA Camp Sky-Y and YMCA Chauncey Ranch offer team building opportunities to many different groups from church and youth groups to schools and corporations. Our trained facilitators will guide your group through a leadership experience that will enhance the way they function as a team. This program focuses on leadership, communication, group dynamics and teamwork. Each program can be designed and tailored to meet your group and individual needs. Using our state-of-the-art high ropes facility, the program can also focus on other aspects of teamwork like cooperation, comfort levels and trust. Facility has meeting spaces and lodging available should your group need that as part of a team building retreat.

YMCA Camp Sky-Y and YMCA Chauncey Ranch are the perfect settings for groups or organizations to get together for weekend conferences or retreats.

YMCA Camp Sky-Y
YMCA Camp Sky-Y can accommodate groups of varying sizes (25-250). Located in the heart of the Prescott National Forest, it is the perfect location for that weekend getaway. Facility offers meeting spaces with audio/video capabilities and small breakout rooms for discussion groups. Various recreational activities throughout camp and the National Forest are available, such as ropes courses, climbing tower, hiking trails and more.

YMCA Chauncey Ranch
YMCA Chauncey Ranch is our facility comprised of 11 cabins, each sleeping 12 to 16 people. Two cabins have separate shower facilities, while 9 share a central, modern shower house. The dining hall can seat 150 comfortably and has a side meeting room which can seat an additional 40 to 50. The side meeting room can also be used as a breakout room for small group discussions. Anna’s Alcove, an easy walk from the dining hall, can provide additional small group space.
YMCA CAMP SKY-Y • YMCA CAMP CHAUNCEY RANCH

GENERAL INFORMATION

Camp Staff: YMCA Camp Sky-Y and Chauncey Ranch take pride in providing qualified staff that put the needs of your child first. Chosen for their experience, maturity and dedication, our camp staff places an emphasis on the YMCA core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility to all aspects of camp life.

Membership: A $35 annual Camp Program membership is required to attend camp. Membership allows access to many YMCA activities and class discounts at your local YMCA. Because the YMCA is a family, if you are a member ANYWHERE in the United States, simply show your card and we will waive the fee.

How to Register:
1. Register online at valleyYMCA.org. Pay online, download the "Parent Packet" and other helpful information such as trip itineraries and packing lists.
2. Complete the camper application which you can download from our website and return with your $100/week (non-refundable non-transferable) deposit to:

   YMCA Camping Services
   5725 S. Senator Hwy.
   Prescott, AZ 86303

Stay-Over Campers: For campers attending consecutive sessions, staff will provide programming, healthy food, and lots of fun during the weekend. $60 per cammer per weekend.

Transportation: Transportation to and from camp is available from the Legacy Foundation Chris-Town YMCA. $65 round-trip or $35 one-way additional fee per camper.

Financial Assistance: The Y will make a scholarship offer to everyone that applies. If you, or someone you know cannot pay the entire fee, please download the F/A Application on our website and mail, scan or fax it to the camp office.

If you need further assistance, please contact the camp office at 1.888.549.8618 or download a Financial Assistance Application online.

YMCA CAMP SKY-Y

• CAMP SKY-Y CAMP FEES
  DISCOVERY, EXPLORER, AND CHALLENGER CAMPS
  • $540

• SPECIALTY CAMPS
  • $605

• COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING (CIT)
  • $1,000

YMCA CHAUNCEY RANCH CAMP

• RANCH CAMP
  • $540

• MINI RANCH CAMP
  • $285

• SADDLE CLUB
  • $640

• VAQUEROS
  • $695

• COWBOY CAMP
  • $1,495

• SPORTSMAN CAMP
  • $605

• COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING (CIT)
  • $1,000

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YMCA CAMP SKY-Y

• $540

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YMCA CHAUNCEY RANCH CAMP

• $540

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• $640

• $695

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Receive $50 OFF
Pay in full by 3/31/15 and receive a $50 discount. The discount code for Sky-Y is EARLY and the discount code for Chauncey Ranch is EARLY BIRD.

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The Valley of the Sun YMCA Mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.

Financial assistance is available to those who qualify.