



PREVENTING "SUMMER SLIDE" AT Y DAY CAMP

Keeping youth fully engaged throughout June, July and August can prevent what educators refer to as 'summer slide'. This common phenomenon refers to the loss of math and literacy skills when young minds are not engaged outside of school. In fact, youth can lose up to three months of these skills during the summer, which means their back-to-school performance is **behind** where they ended in the spring.

Summer slide is especially common in low-income communities where access to reading materials is more limited. Organizations from across the country have risen to meet this challenge through the creation of innovative, evidence-based summer learning loss prevention programs that work to eradicate the achievement gap and help all youth have the #BestSummerEver.

Children enrolled in our Summer Day Camp will not want the summer to end!

[Click to sign up for day camp today](#)



71% OF THE WORLD IS WATER CHILDREN ARE **100%** CURIOUS

The YMCA's Safety Around Water program helps kids learn essential water safety skills, which can open up a world of possibilities for them to satisfy their curiosity safely. Teaching children how to swim and be safe around water is one of the most important life skills parents can help their children learn.

It not only saves lives; it builds confidence.

Drowning poses a threat to the health and well-being of people nationwide, particularly

among children and minority populations.

- Two children die every day because of drowning.
- Drowning is the leading cause of death for children 1 to 4 years old and is the second leading cause of death for children from 5 to 14 years old.
- According to a national research study conducted by the USA Swimming Foundation and the University of Memphis, 70 percent of African American and 60 percent of Hispanic children cannot swim compared to 40 percent of Caucasian children.
- African American youth ages 5-14 are three times more likely to drown than their white counterparts.

[Click to sign up for swim lessons today](#)

Visit our website to learn about all of the fun things the Valley of the Sun YMCA has to offer this summer.

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