

GO ON A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY WITH YOUR CHILD



These YMCA Parent Child Programs are designed to bring you and your children together as they mature into young adults and beyond. You'll spend quality time at exciting places and fun-filled events.

3 programs from which to choose:

1 **ADVENTURE GUIDES (pre-K-6th)**
 • Dads & Sons/Daughters

2 **TRAIL BLAZERS (4th - 6th)**
 • Dads & Sons/Daughters

3 **SENIOR TRAIL BLAZERS (7th - 9th)**
 • Dads & Sons/Daughters

What is the difference between ADVENTURE GUIDES and TRAIL BLAZERS?

The TRAIL BLAZER program is similar to the ADVENTURE GUIDES program you have enjoyed for many years although the activities and outings are geared for older children.

In **ADVENTURE GUIDES**, most of the planning and decision making is done by the parents. In **TRAIL BLAZERS**, the older child is given a primary role in decision making, program planning and leadership. There is an ongoing transfer of leadership from the parents and adults to the older children as they continue maturing into young adults.

TRAIL BLAZERS is a more relaxed, yet more adventurous program shifting emphasis to outdoor education. Simple camping and outdoor activities give way to more challenging activities such as: cave exploring, canoeing/river-rafting expeditions, gun safety, snorkeling, backpacking, rock climbing, scuba diving, snow skiing, air shows, and hang gliding to name a few. In TRAIL BLAZERS, there are no honor points or activity patches, however there is a National Award System for earning badges worn on a vest, jacket or cap in the following six areas of achievement:

History & Civic Involvement	Outdoors	Sports	Science, Nature and Animals	Special Interests	Health and Safety
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Litter • Community Citizenship • Flag • Geography • Home Citizenship • National Citizenship • Natural Resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backpacking • Camping • Canoeing • Compass • Firebuilding • Fishing • Hiking • Outdoor Cooking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Beginner/Intermediate Swimming • Advanced Intermediate Swimming • Advanced Swimming • Archery • Bicycling • Boating • Team Sports • Waterskiing • Wakeboarding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Astronomy • Flower • Fossil • Geology • Insect • Pet • Reptile • R/C Planes • Rocketry • Tree • Weed • Wild Animal • Wild Bird 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bicycle Care • Gardening • Home Repairs • Indoor Cooking • Knot Tying • Leathercraft • Metalworking • Music • Photo Developing • Photography • Reading • Sewing • Woodworking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bicycle Safety • First Aid • Gun Safety • Home Safety • Knife and Axe Safety • Physical Fitness • Water and Ice Safety

TRAIL BLAZERS' slogan: "Parent and child, blazing new trails together"

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