



Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA REUNION WEEKEND PROGRAM GUIDE 2024

Arrival Information and Parking

Please arrive at our **Administration Building** after **3PM** on Friday, August 23rd, 2024. Staff will greet you inside to complete check in procedures and receive a schedule for the duration of your stay. You will then be directed to your lodging. Staff will be available at the CCC Dining Hall from 6 - 9PM for late check-in. If you are arriving after 9 PM on Friday, please contact camp. No staff will be available after 9 PM. The first meal will be Friday dinner at 6 PM and will be served at the CCC Dining Hall.

Please do not drive on the grass when bringing your belongings to your lodging. After moving in, please park your car in one of the designated parking areas by Moose Field at Camp Becket or at the designated parking lots at Chimney Corners.

If you need any assistance, please notify the staff. If you are expecting to arrive late or should need directions, please call our Administration Center at (413) 623 8991.

Please note we will be sharing camp with another group, The Unitarian Society of New Haven. This group will be housed at Chimney Corners and will be eating meals with us in the Chimney Corners Dining Hall. The CCC Art Center and the South Room are reserved for this group throughout the weekend. Please respect their space and be aware of noise at night.

Housing

Housing will be assigned at both Camp Becket and Chimney Corners. You can be assured that our staff have done their best to take all housing requests into consideration. Final housing assignments will be given at check-in at camp.

Dining/Food

See the **Program Schedule** below for meal schedule.

All meals will be held at Chimney Corners Camp. You may choose to drive your own vehicle or take a camp provided shuttle.

All meals are served buffet style. Guests eat together and mingle in the Dining Hall, seating eight people at each table. We will welcome guests before each meal and have announcements at the end of each meal.

We prepare vegetarian alternatives for those who indicated that they were vegetarians on their original registration form. Guests who did not indicate on their registration form should refrain from taking the vegetarian alternative.

If you have any special dietary concerns or allergies that you wish to discuss, please call us or email us. We may not be able to accommodate certain dietary needs. Snacks will be offered on Friday and Saturday evening at 8:30pm. Remember to bring additional snacks if anyone in your family might need something to eat between meals. Fruit will be available in the dining hall throughout the day to grab.

Sunday everyone is invited to participate in the **BCCYMCA Annual Luncheon**. We will be joined by other friends of Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA for a celebration of the year and to recognize staff and volunteers who have support our organization. We hope everyone will join us for this special event. If you cannot stay for the luncheon, there will be an early lunch at 11:30 AM. Following the luncheon we will have additional activities open until 4 PM.

Program/Schedule

Upon check-in at the **Administration Building**, you will receive a final schedule of the programs and activities offered for the weekend. Activity offerings will take place at either Camp Becket or Chimney Corners Camp. Please note there will be other groups at camp using activity areas at the same time as Reunion Weekend guests and eating meals in the Dining Hall.

Schedule (A complete schedule of activities will be available at check-in)

Friday			
3 - 5:30 PM	Arrival and Check-in at the Administration Building		
6 PM	Dinner – CCC Dining Hall		
8:30 PM	Snacks		
6 - 9 PM	Late check-in at the CCC Dining Hall		
Saturday		Sunday	
8:15 AM	Breakfast	8:15 AM	Breakfast
9:15 AM	Morning activities	9:15 AM	Morning activities
11:15 AM	Free Time	11:30 AM	Early Lunch
12:00 PM	Lunch - CCC Dining Hall	12:30 PM	Annual Luncheon
12:45 PM.	Siesta	2 PM	Open Activities
1:35 PM	Afternoon Activities	4 PM	All Guests Depart
5:30 PM	Free time		
6:00 PM	Dinner - CCC Dining Hall		
7:30 PM	Evening Programs		
8:30 PM	Snack at the CCC DH		
10 PM	Quiet hours		

Activity Offerings

Activities that may be offered during the weekend: Nature Hikes, Kayaking, Creative Arts, Archery, Sauna, Woodshop, Campfire, Canoeing, Swimming, Boulderling, Climbing Tower, Fishing.

Waterfront & Yacht Club

Swimming and boating activities will be offered throughout the weekend. Swimming or boating is not permitted at any time without a qualified BCCYMCA Lifeguard present. The only area of Rudd Pond designated for swimming is at the Main Waterfront. Families are asked to swim in an area suited to their ability. Please ask an on-duty staff member if you have any questions about the zoning of swim areas. You will be required to check in and out of the swim areas, and we will need to test the swim ability of guests who wish to participate at the waterfront.

- Please listen carefully to waterfront staff and their instructions while at the waterfront. Waterfront staff have the right to close the waterfront to one or all Reunion Weekend guests depending on weather, behavior, or any other circumstance.
- Canoes, kayaks, and some boats are available to Reunion Weekend guests at times indicated on the schedule. Boating activities may only occur at times indicated on the schedule. All boating participants must wear PFDs (life jackets) at all times.
- The Rope Swing may only be used under the supervision of a BCCYMCA Lifeguard.
- The Sauna will be open at times indicated on the schedule. Please observe the rules posted before using the sauna. Children under 12 must be supervised by an adult. Children under 6 are

not permitted to use the sauna. Children may not add wood to the fire at any time. If you require a quick dip in the lake when using the sauna, a qualified BCCYMCA Lifeguard must be present. One will be scheduled at the times indicated on the schedule.

Adventure Activities – Climbing Tower, and Bouldering Room

Various activities utilizing the challenge courses will be offered throughout the week. Entry to the Challenge Course area is only permitted with the accompaniment of an authorized BCCYMCA Staff Member.

You must be **8+ years** or older to participate in any of our adventure activities. There are no exceptions.

Housekeeping

Our staff will clean the automats and washhouses and restock them as needed. It would be helpful if our Reunion Weekend guests could assist in keeping these and other “common areas” clean throughout the weekend. Cabins are not cleaned by BCCYMCA staff during your stay, but dustpans and brooms should be found inside each one. If, throughout your stay, something is not satisfactorily clean, please bring this to our attention right away.

Please plan to pack up your gear on **Sunday AM** so that our hard-working maintenance staff can clean your living space. Anything you can do to help clean up after your group is greatly appreciated!

Smoking (Tobacco and Marijuana)

Smoking, vaping, and e-cigarettes are not permitted on the grounds of BCCYMCA. We are a smoke free campus.

Alcohol

Guests 21+ may consume alcohol in your lodging or the immediate vicinity of your cabin/lodge. Reunion Weekend guests must clean up after themselves and monitor their consumption. Showing up impaired to an activity is not allowed and staff may ask you to sit out for the safety of you and all guests. Please do not bring alcohol to the Dining Hall as we are sharing the Dining Hall with other guests.

Communications and Technology

Reunion Weekend guests should instruct people to call (413) 623-8991 during the day to get a message to them. If it is after hours, they may leave a message on the general voice mailbox at this number. Unfortunately, computers are not available for Reunion Weekend guests. Wireless Internet is available in the CCC Dining Hall. We urge you to try and unplug during your stay.

The Camp Store

The Camp Becket store is located in the lower Paul Dudley White Hall, and the Chimney Corners store is located in the CCC dining hall. Hours of operation will be listed in your schedule. The stores have clothing items, souvenirs, snacks, toiletries and batteries.

Travel Directions

(Put into your GPS or phone **748 Hamilton, Becket, MA 01223**)

Once you reach the YMCA property: After turning at the YMCA sign at the top of Route 8, proceed down the hill until you reach the fork in the road (the Brewster House is directly in front of you). Bear left onto Hamilton Road Continue on Hamilton Road until you see the large sign for ADMINISTRATION on the left.

Recommended Packing List	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Warm clothing (fleece jacket) <input type="checkbox"/> Cool clothing (t-shirt, shorts) <input type="checkbox"/> Sun Hat <input type="checkbox"/> Long pants <input type="checkbox"/> Socks & undergarments <input type="checkbox"/> Sneakers & boots <input type="checkbox"/> Windbreaker <input type="checkbox"/> Raincoat <input type="checkbox"/> Flip Flops or Sandals <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle <input type="checkbox"/> Swimsuit <input type="checkbox"/> Towels <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag and/or sheets and several blankets Pillow <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight with extra batteries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries <input type="checkbox"/> Camera <input type="checkbox"/> Reading material <input type="checkbox"/> Games & cards <input type="checkbox"/> High chair or booster seat <input type="checkbox"/> Toys/games for young children <input type="checkbox"/> Lawn chair(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Shirt for tie-dying <input type="checkbox"/> Snacks (pack in plastic box with a lid if you plan to keep in your cabin) <input type="checkbox"/> Battery Operated Reading Light <p>Items to Leave at Home</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Firearms, knives, weapons <input type="checkbox"/> Fireworks <input type="checkbox"/> Boats - Only camp watercraft may be put into Rudd and Smith Ponds

Reunion Weekend is largely an outdoor experience. Therefore, being prepared is vital for a comfortable and successful visit. Don't bring your best clothing, bring old garments which are suitable for the season.

Even though it is late August, it is still the Berkshires! It can be hot or cool. Please plan to bring a jacket and warm clothing for the evening. Remember that our cabins have no electricity, therefore a good flashlight is recommended.

BCCYMCA provides only basic first aid supplies such as Band-Aids. We cannot and do not dispense medication. Please bring any medication such as ibuprofen or Benadryl that you think you may need.

In the Area

When you arrive at camp we will provide you with directions to the emergency room at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield (25 minute drive). Please visit berkshires.org to learn more about local area attractions, such as the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, the Lee Outlets, the Berkshire Botanical Garden, Tanglewood or Mass MoCA if you would like to make a day trip excursion. There are some great restaurants in Becket if you want to try a meal or get a drink off camp. The Dream Away Lodge is a great spot for dinner and/or drinks and the Neon Newt has great breakfast.

Accreditation

The American Camp Association (acacamps.org) accredits Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA. Our organization complies with all regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and is licensed by the Becket Health Department.