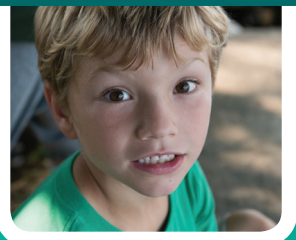




# 2019 CAMP MINIKANI CALENDAR

Celebrating 100 years of Youth Development

the  **YMCA CAMP MINIKANI**  
CELEBRATING **100** YEARS  
**1919 - 2019**



YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee

**WE HOPE OUR 2019 CALENDAR SPARKS THE SPIRIT AND TRADITION OF MINIKANI FOR YOU AND YOURS, AS WE GEAR UP FOR MINIKANI'S 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY.**

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Since 1919, YMCA Camp Minikani has been the summer homeland for hundreds of thousands of campers, staffers, their families and communities—yours included. Since the beginning, the fun of summer camp has facilitated real personal growth for all who have truly opened themselves to it. By making new friends and trying new activities, Minikani campers grow in confidence, kindness and resilience, while also discovering a little more about themselves. When campers are comfortable being themselves, they unlock endless growth opportunities within themselves. Thank you for being a part of this rich history of youth development at Minikani. We hope to see you back again for years to come!

**IN THE SPIRIT,**

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# 2019 DATES\*

[minikani.org](http://minikani.org)

## OVERNIGHT CAMP\*

Session 1: June 16 – 29

Session 1A: June 16 – 22

Session 1B: June 23 – 29

Mini-session\*: June 30 – July 3

Session 2: July 7 – 20

Session 2A: July 7 – 13

Session 2B: July 14 – 20

Session 3: July 21 – Aug. 3

Session 3A: July 21 – 27

Session 3B: July 28 – Aug. 3

Session 4: Aug. 4 – 17

Session 4A: Aug. 4 – 10

Session 4B: Aug. 11 – 17

\*Mini-session is for 7- to 12-year-old campers

## EXPLORERS\*

Session 1 Explorers: June 16 – 29

Session 1B, Master Explorers: June 23 – July 6

Session 2 Explorers: July 7 – 20

Session 2 Expedition: July 7-20

Session 2B, Master Explorers: July 14 – 27

Session 3 Explorers: July 21 – Aug. 3

Session 3B Explorers: July 28 – Aug. 10

Session 4 Explorers: Aug. 4 – 17

## EQUESTRIAN\*

Session 1, Equestrian Explorers: June 16 – 29

Session 1A, Beginner: June 16 – 22

Session 1B, Beginner: June 23 – 29

Mini-session\*, Beginner/Intermediate: June 30 – July 3

Session 2A, Intermediate: July 7 – 13

Session 2B, Intermediate: July 14 – 20

Session 3, Equestrian Explorers: July 21 – Aug. 3

Session 3A, Western Week: July 21 – 27

Session 3B, Beginner/Intermediate: July 28 – Aug. 3

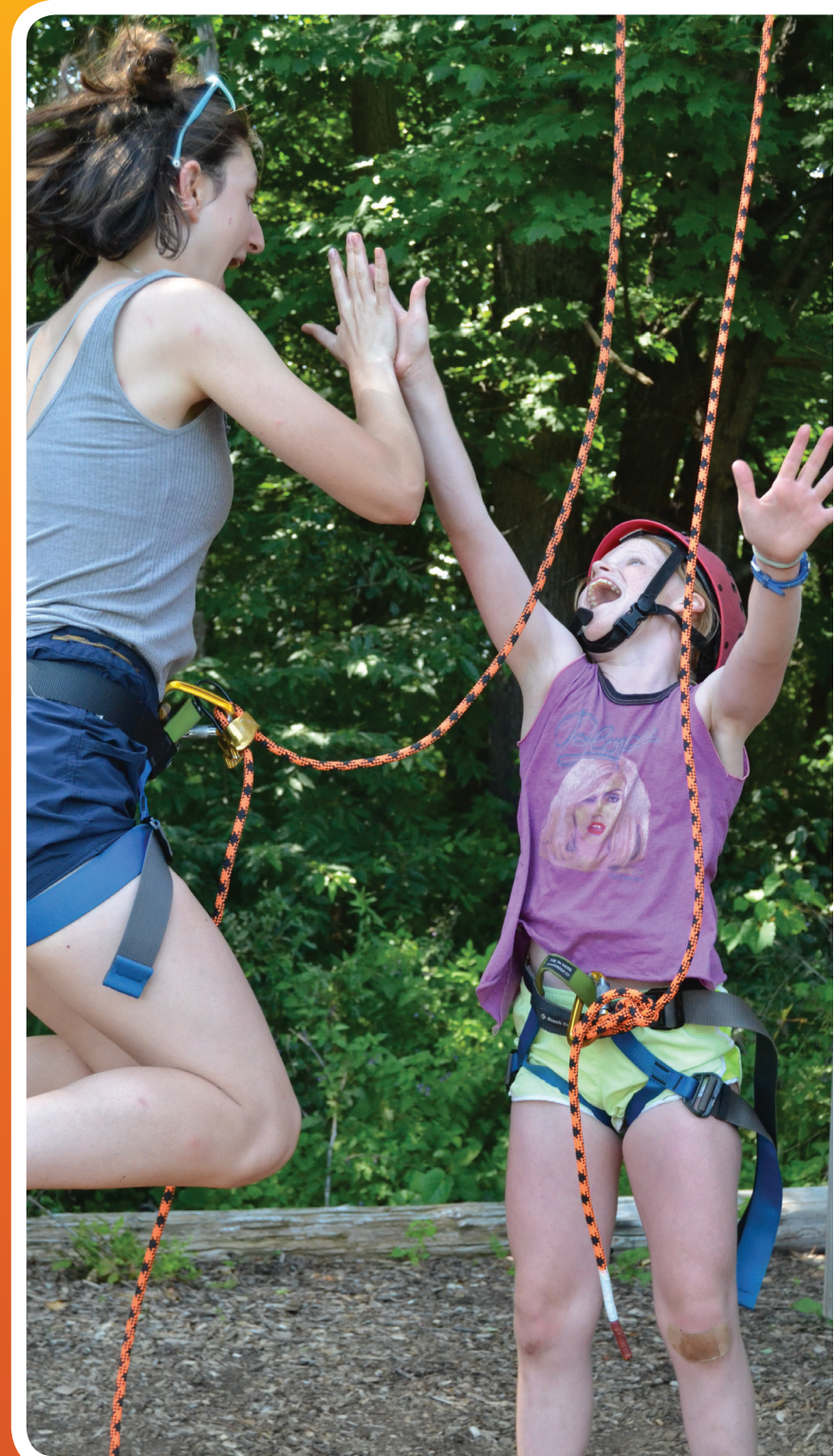
Session 4A, Advanced & Fireside Riders: Aug. 4 – 10

Session 4B, Fireside Riders: Aug. 11 – 17

\*Mini-session is for 7- to 12-year-old campers



\*Please note that some sessions might be full. Please call 262-251-9080 for availability and pricing.



# JANUARY 2019



“YMCA Camp Minikani is the greatest experience. Courage and independence combined with fun and friendship. While I’m incredibly grateful to have them home, I’m equally grateful they’ve fallen in love with such a special place.”

– Lindsay DesPlaines,  
Camp Parent

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 	19
20	21 Martin Luther King Jr Day	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

**Need assistance with camp fees? Please visit [minikani.org/pricing](http://minikani.org/pricing) to apply for financial aid.**





# FEBRUARY 2019



“ I hope that every child who has the opportunity to experience summer camp has as amazing of a time as these two did. They’ve gained confidence, skills, new friendships and lifetime memories. ”

– Gina Emmick Dee,  
Camp Parent

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Groundhog Day
3	4	5 Chinese New Year	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Valentine’s Day	15	16
17	18 President’s Day	19 	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

**Will you join us at Camp Minikani’s 100th Celebration from Aug. 23–25? See how at [minikani.org/100th-anniversary](http://minikani.org/100th-anniversary)**







# MARCH 2019



“ Each year they come home saying it was the best two weeks of their summer. The staff, the activities, the magic that is created at Minikani is worth every penny. They are better human beings because of their experience. The life lessons from Minikani are character building, confidence creating and foundational. ”

– Jennifer Cash O’Donnell, Camp Parent

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1  Deposits no longer refundable	2
3	4	5 	6  Ash Wednesday	7	8	9
10  Day Light Saving Time begins	11	12	13	14	15	16
17  St Patrick’s Day	18	19	20  First Day of Spring	21  Purim (Begins at sunset)	22	23
24	25  Spring Break Day Camp	26  Spring Break Day Camp	27  Spring Break Day Camp	28  Spring Break Day Camp	29  Spring Break Day Camp	30
31		<b>Please visit <a href="http://minikani.campbrainregistration.com">minikani.campbrainregistration.com</a> to complete your payments and paperwork by May 1.</b>				





# APRIL 2019



Need help with your online forms and payment? Meet Tracy Hennes, Minikani's administrator! Tracy has an extensive background in customer service and is happy to help you prepare for summer. Chat with her today by calling 262-251-9080.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Spring LT Weekend
7 Spring LT Weekend	8	9	10	11 12 		13
14	15 Tax Day	16	17	18	19	20 Passover Begins
21 Easter Sunday	22	23	24	25	26 Arbor Day	27
28	29	30				

**Will you join us at Pancake Breakfast on May 5?  
Find out how at [minikani.org/pancake-breakfast](http://minikani.org/pancake-breakfast)**








# MAY 2019



“Timid adults may well marvel at so much energy during the hot weather but to these boys at the Milwaukee Y. M. C. A. camp, Minikani, on Lake Amy Belle near Menomonee Falls, it is the best kind of fun and (don't tell them this) it's good for them, too.”  
 – Newspaper article titled, “Romping with Happy Boys at Minikani,” circa 1930s.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Summer session balances and paperwork due	2	3	4
5 Pancake Breakfast 	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Family Camp 	25 Family Camp 
26 Family Camp	27 Memorial Day Family Camp	28	29	30	31	
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# JUNE 2019



Your camper and their experience is our priority! Did you know that the Minikani summer staff has more than 1,200 years of youth development experience combined?

## VENDORS WE LOVE



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15
16 Father's Day Session 1/1A begins	17	18	19	20	21 Summer Solstice	22
23 Session 1B begins	24	25 	26	27	28	29
30 Mini-session begins	<div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>Camp Minikani's 100th Anniversary Celebration is two months away! Find out more at <a href="http://minikani.org/100th-anniversary">minikani.org/100th-anniversary</a>.</b></p> </div>					






# JULY 2019



“Youngsters at the co-educational, YMCA camp are given problem-solving exercises designed to make them draw from within themselves to derive the solutions. In the process, they get a large helping of self-confidence.”  
 – The Milwaukee Journal, July 10, 1991

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
7 Session 2/2A begins	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Session 2B begins	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Session 3/3A begins		23	24	25	26	27
28 Session 3B begins	29	30	31			
			<b>Stay in touch with your Overnight Camper                      by visiting <a href="http://minikani.org/connect" style="color: white;">minikani.org/connect</a>.</b>			





# AUGUST 2019



“500 boys were given a taste of camp life at Minikani last year. A knowledge and love of the out of doors and animal life, a knowledge of work and play, and a realization of the rights of others are taught at camp.”

– YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee report, circa 1920s



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 <i>Session 4/4A begins</i>	5	6	7	8	9 	10 
11 <i>Session 4B begins</i>	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 <b>Minikani's 100th Anniversary Celebration</b>	24 <b>Minikani's 100th Anniversary Celebration</b>
25 <b>Minikani's 100th Anniversary Celebration</b>	26	27	28	29	30	31 <b>Adoptive Family Camp</b>

**Join us for our 100th Anniversary by first visiting [minikani.org/100th-anniversary](http://minikani.org/100th-anniversary).**



# SEPTEMBER 2019



“ I think he’s sad that his Minikani time is over, and he’s trying to process and keep these memories alive by creating his own little Minikani in the backyard. There has been no request for video game time at all...I think it’s time to join [him] by the fire right now! ”

– Anonymous Overnight Camp Parent



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Adoptive Family Camp	2 Labor Day Adoptive Family Camp	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Native American’s Day	28
29	30 Rosh Hashanah (begins at sunset)					

**Register for 2020 Overnight Camps by visiting [minikani.campbrainregistration.com](http://minikani.campbrainregistration.com).**



# OCTOBER 2019



“ Thank you Minikani, for giving her the time of her life—new experiences, new friendships, and the encouragement to always be kind, be herself, and be a little crazy. ”

—Jill Kohli, Alumna, Board Member & Camp Parent

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12  Camp SOUL
13 Camp SOUL	14 Columbus Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25  Autumn Homecoming	26
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween		
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# NOVEMBER 2019



“My favorite place in the entire world. An experience like no other, you’ll never want to leave! This was my eighth summer as a camper and first year as a master explorer, and it was truly the greatest childhood experience I will ever have! Wish I could give it six stars!”

– Kirsten Weiss, Camper



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 	2
3 Daylight Saving Time ends	4	5	6	7	8	9 LT Fall Weekend
10 LT Fall Weekend	11	12  National “Wear Your Camp Shirt” Day	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30
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# DECEMBER 2019



“ They have loved every week that they have attended. My daughter was looking forward to this summer as well. I see such a change in her. She was so afraid of bugs before camp. Now [she] loves them [and] picking up worms [and] lightning bugs, which all came from her time in nature at camp. ”

–Jenny Cheever,  
Camp Parent

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7  Cookie House
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Winter Solstice	23 Hanukkah (begins at sunset)	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa	27  Winter Camp	28 Winter Camp
29 Winter Camp	30	31 New Year's Eve				

Consider giving the gift of camp to others by donating to the financial aid campaign at [minikani.org/donate](http://minikani.org/donate).



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100th summer  
from August 23-25, 2019

We hope you join us for a celebration of Minikani's past, present and future, as we turn camp's 150 acres into a museum/exhibition. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in camp skills, enjoy a meal in the Dining Hall, hear from influential alumni, take a self-guided or guided tour of camp, reconnect with camp friends, learn about camp's history, participate in a camp fire, rededicate their rags or bear claws and support the future of camp. To preserve the grounds, we will not be allowing anyone to stay or drive on camp property during the event. For further details on shuttles and transportation, please visit [minikani.org/100th-anniversary](http://minikani.org/100th-anniversary).



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