


# SEND A KID TO CAMP



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**[Strong Kids Campaign: Donate Now!](#)**

**Studies have shown that kids experience significant learning losses during the summer months. At YMCA Summer Camp, children stay sharp all year with literacy and science-based activities, character and social skills development, and more. Best of all, we make it oh so much fun!**

**You can be the difference between learning loss and learning gain for a child this summer. We urge you to consider giving a child the Summer Camp experience of a lifetime. Just \$110 can send a child to summer camp for an entire week. Please donate to the *YMCA Strong Kids Campaign* today, and give a child a fun, safe and enriching summer full of excitement. [Please Donate Now.](#)**

**Read all about Ricky and Roxy, and why their mother Rosemary sends them to YMCA Summer Camp every year!**

Every year, the YMCA of Greater Miami serves more than 2,000 children in approximately 25 different Summer Camp sites throughout Miami-Dade. Kids enjoy a summer packed with activity, adventure and learning, and best of all, they are not wasting away at home each day possibly without adult supervision. For Roxy (shown above on the right), 6, and Ricky (shown above to the left), 9, YMCA Summer Camp at Snapper Creek Elementary in southwest Miami is so much fun that they never want to leave!



Ricky, 9, and Roxy, 6, have been attending YMCA Summer Camp at Snapper Creek Elementary in Miami for years.

In 2010, Roxy will be attending YMCA Summer Camp for

the third year in a row and Ricky for the fourth. Their mother, Rosemary Castaneda, says **it's the counselors and the staff that make YMCA Summer Camp different from all of the other summer programs out there.**

"They [Roxy and Ricky] attend the afterschool program at Snapper Creek, so I am familiar with all of the counselors," said Rosemary. **"The program overall is fantastic. The kids go to the movies, the beach, to water parks. They enjoy it so much that when I go to pick them up, they don't want to leave."**

Rosemary says leaving her children at YMCA Summer Camp gives her **peace of mind** that they are going to be well taken care of while she's away at work.

**"Two years ago, my daughter Roxy was suffering from chronic ear infections," said Rosemary.** "She had tubes in her ears and could not get in the water. I left her at the Snapper Creek summer camp with my eyes closed. **While the other kids went in the water, the counselors planned activities especially for Roxy outside of the water. They kept her happy and never made her feel left out. I appreciated that.**"

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YMCA of Greater Miami Mission: to put Judeo-Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

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