

YMCA of Greater Saint Paul
Camp Widjiwagan
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Earning Your Way to Camp

For some campers, the most difficult part of planning to come to Widji is deciding how to pay for the adventure of your dreams. Widji is anxious to help by providing opportunities and suggestions for “earning your way to Widji.”

1. Odd Jobs – There are a variety of job possibilities out there such as baby-sitting, grass cutting, shoveling snow, raking leaves, house and pet sitting, etc. It will take some initiative and creativity on your part. Let your family, neighbors, and friends know that you are interested in finding ways to earn your way to camp.
2. Part Time Jobs – The easiest way for older campers to earn money for Widji is to find a part-time job doing anything from selling popcorn to bagging groceries. Widji can help by providing a reference and explaining your plans to a potential employer. There may even be jobs at your local YMCA.
3. YMCA Product Sale – If you live in the Twin Cities Metro Area, the YMCA of Greater Saint Paul conducts a product sale to help campers earn their way to camp. The bars sell for \$1.00 each and campers can earn \$0.50 credit on each bar they sell. This is the quickest way for campers to earn money. For financial aid qualified campers, Camp Widjiwagan will match dollar for dollar for each dollar earned. (Approximate dates –Mid-March to Mid-May). Contact your local Saint Paul or Minneapolis YMCA branch to find out more information regarding the product sale.

For campers outside the Metro Area, check with your local YMCA to see if they have a product sale. Some YMCA's are willing to allow campers to participate in their product sale and then transfer the credit to Camp Widjiwagan.

4. Camperships – Families may request a financial aid application from the Widji Office. The amount of campership funds available varies from individual to individual. When a family applies for campership assistance, information regarding financial need is requested. The ceiling for assistance for regular campers is \$950 or half of the camper fee, whichever is less. Camperships for Widji's advanced campers can be somewhat larger.

The Widjiwagan Office wants to help in any way possible as you begin making plans. Please call if you have any questions, need more information or to request a financial aid application – 612-465-0498.