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Chittenden & Washington Counties

Greater Burlington YMCA After School Program For School Age Children In Chittenden and Washington Counties 2008-2009

The Greater Burlington YMCA, Allen Brook School, Barre Town Middle and Elementary School, Brewster Pierce, Charlotte Central School, Essex Elementary School, Founders Memorial School, Hinesburg Community School, Jericho Elementary School, Richmond Elementary School, Shelburne Community School, Smilie School, Underhill Central School, Underhill ID School, Thatcher Brook Primary, Williston Central School, Camel's Hump Middle School, Brown's River Middle School

**Registration begins immediately for
current enrollees, siblings, and members**

Public registration is May 6th



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Philosophy

The Greater Burlington YMCA is committed to providing children with a safe, enriching environment where they can spend their out of school hours. The School Age staff fosters positive growth by offering developmentally appropriate activities that promote social, physical, creative and cognitive growth. Children are empowered to make their own choices about how they will spend their out of school hours.

History

The Greater Burlington YMCA School Age programs started in 1985, serving approximately 30 children at two sites. The YMCA is now the largest school age care provider in the state with numerous programs in 4 different counties throughout the state. We serve hundreds of children each day and have earned a reputation as the recognized leader in school age care.

The Program

YMCA Live Y'ers really lives up to its name, providing children with a variety of fun and stimulating activities throughout the school year. Sports, recreational games, outdoor play, arts and crafts, baking, drama and quiet activities are just a sample of what your child will experience at Live Y'ers. Special events and field trips, including guest artists, instructors and community volunteers who visit the program from time to time to share their special skills and talents, are regular features.

The Staff

YMCA School Age Program staff are selected for their education, enthusiasm and experience working with school age children. All staff meet Vermont state licensing requirements with regard to education and experience. Each school-based YMCA School Age location has an on-site director who is responsible for developing and implementing the program at that site, and each director has minimally one staff assistant for every 12 children in the program.

Administrative functions of the YMCA Live Y'ers are conducted by Julie Peterson, Director of School Age Programs and Tricia Pawlik, Director of School Age Professional Development.

Schedule & Calendar

YMCA After School programs run Monday-Friday, from the dismissal of school until 6 pm. Programs at each site correspond to the school calendar for that district. The downtown location follows the Burlington School District calendar. During most school vacations a full-day program is offered at the YMCA and other program locations. Information about these and other options will be provided in the fall.

Enrollment Options

You may enroll your child in Live Y'ers 2, 3, 4 or 5 days a week. No 1-day option is available. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. A minimum enrollment of 12 children per day is required for the program to operate at a site. The YMCA reserves the right to cancel sites due to insufficient enrollment as of July 1.

Tuition Costs & Policies

Tuition may be paid weekly or monthly. **Weekly tuition is the same regardless of school closings or child's absence.** When a school is closed due to snow, the Live Y'ers program at the site is closed as well. **There will be no credit for emergency after-school closings imposed by the school district. These include any unplanned early-release days.** If school is closed for a full week, you are not responsible for Live Y'ers tuition for that week. Tuition is due *in advance* of the week or month it covers.

Additional Fees

A *non-refundable* registration fee of \$30 is required with each application. The first week's tuition is also required and is non-refundable. The registration fee is independent of tuition.

Scholarships

In keeping with the YMCA's commitment to serve families regardless of their ability to pay, full and partial scholarships may be available to those who qualify for tuition assistance. We welcome you to contact our Director of School Age Programs at 862-9622 about eligibility requirements.

A determination of your child's eligibility for tuition assistance will be made prior to the start of the program.

New Change & Cancellation Policy

All changes to enrollment will happen on a monthly basis. Changes must be made by telephone or email to Julie Peterson at the YMCA. Changes are due by the 23rd of each month and will take effect the first week of the following month. All cancellations require at least two weeks notice. All cancellations must be made by phone or email to Julie Peterson at 862-8993 x 152 or jpeter@gbymca.org.

First Day Information

All Live Y'ers programs begin the first day of school. Tuition will be expected in full for the first week regardless of a child's attendance. If joining after the start of the year, your application must be received by a minimum of five working days prior to the start date. If we cannot honor your desired start date, we will notify you immediately. Otherwise, we will process your request and expect your child on the day you indicate as the starting date.

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| Days Attending | Cost per Child |
|----------------|----------------|
| 5 days/week | \$76 |
| 4 days/week | \$65 |
| 3 days/week | \$53 |
| 2 days/week | \$43 |

Registration

Registration begins **May 6th** for new registrants. Current enrollees can register immediately. The enrollment deadline for those wishing to start the first week of school is Friday, **August 15th**. Students whom applications are received after this date will begin the second week of school. **No exceptions will be made.**

To Register:

1. Complete and sign the enclosed registration form.
2. Send the form with a *non-refundable registration fee of \$30 and first week's tuition payable to: The Greater Burlington YMCA.*
3. You will receive confirmation shortly after we receive your application. Parent handbooks will be available on our website by June 1st. Please call the YMCA if you would like one mailed.

For More Information:

Call or email Tricia Pawlik at tpawlik@gbymca.org or Julie Peterson at jpeter@gbymca.org.

For Office Use Only

Registration Date _____
Deposit Amt. \$ _____
In Computer _____
S.A. Dept. Initials _____

Please complete all sections and sign, or we will have to return your application for resubmission.

The YMCA must receive your application and deposit at least 5 business days prior to your child starting the program

2008 – 2009 Application

1. Program Site _____ 2. Grade as of Fall 2008 _____

3. School Child Attends: Same as Program Site Other (if child is transported from another school) _____

4. Enrollment Option: M T W Th F Please circle 2, 3, 4 or 5 days requested (*Sorry, no one-day option*) Starting Date _____

5. Personal Information

Child's Name _____ Birth Date _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Parent 1 Name _____ Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Mailing Address _____ Email _____

Parent 1 Employer _____ Work Phone _____

Parent 2 Name _____ Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Mailing Address _____ Email _____

Parent 2 Employer _____ Work Phone _____

6. Emergency Contacts (if parent/guardian cannot be reached)

Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

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7. Medical Information

Allergies _____ Dietary Requirements _____

Current Medications _____

Physician's Name _____ Phone _____ Address _____

Dentist's Name _____ Phone _____ Address _____

Insurance Company _____ Policy Number _____

8. Parent/Guardian Authorization I agree to abide by the policies and procedures of the YMCA Y's and Shine Before-School Program. Further, I hereby give my permission for the YMCA staff to contact the physician(s) listed above or to seek emergency care for my child, and I understand that either parent or guardian may add or delete names of people authorized to pick up my child.

Automatic Payment

Automatic payment can be set up with a credit card. Information will be sent with the confirmation.

_____ *Print Name*

_____ *Signed*

_____ *Date*

Return this form with nonrefundable registration fee and first week's tuition to:

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Sorry, we cannot accept faxed or emailed applications. Please mail or drop off applications at the Burlington YMCA.