



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
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After-School Program 2011-2012

Program Plan Frequently Asked Questions

What can I expect from the After-School Program?

There will be a theme introduced **monthly** where a curriculum will be developed with a weekly focus. The curriculum will include an educational framework designed with the age group attending the after-school program in mind.

A nutritious snack will be provided at a specific time frame and water will be provided with the snack and at intervals during the program.

Will there be time for Homework?

There will be at least 20 minutes each day for Homework; assistance is provided when needed.

What does a typical week look like?

Each week the children will have the opportunity to explore a subject through the arts and sciences, as well as have ample opportunity for enrichment programs such as Service Learning (Garden, MV Gleaners Club, Handmade From the Heart, Woodside Village), Contemporary Dance, Hip Hop, Zumba, Basketball, Soccer and Swimming.

What will my child get out of these activities?

The Arts: children will access each theme through arts and crafts, these activities are designed to create successes which aids in self esteem building. All children will have the option to join The Art Club where they will learn about the different styles and forms of art such as Impressionistic, Renaissance, Classic, Modern and Contemporary

Literacy: a story or short introduction of the topic for the month will be read to the children and discussed. The development of poetry clubs, book clubs and reading clubs are encouraged.

The Book and Film club and Sports Literacy club are excellent ways to deliver language arts programming with least resistance.

The Book and Film club allows for children to develop critical thinking skills through the use of books that are turned into film. Once a book is read the group watches the movie and a discussion follows that focuses upon the differences between the book and the film. This opens up much discussion with all age groups!

Science and Technology: the use of technology in the After-School Program is an opportunity to teach safe usage and reinforce research skills; create an understanding of the world around them and how they impact the world as well.

Service Learning: Service-Learning is a deliberate process through which people of all ages and in all parts of the YMCA can develop their skills, knowledge, and civic awareness while making meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteerism.

Social Competence and Conflict Resolution: Our staff educates children in using natural and logical consequences encouraging them to accept responsibility for their behaviors. Through guided activities children learn strategies for dealing with conflict when it comes their way, and helps them develop socially acceptable ways of interacting with one another.

These activities encourage critical thinking skills and affirmation of the skills they learn during their school day such as reading, writing, speaking, gathering information, using information, understanding others and true self expression.

How will my child get there?

We utilize the MV Regional School Districts buses. Your child will be escorted by a trusted staff member at your school to the designated bus waiting outside your school. They are then transported directly from school to our facility.

What is my financial obligation?

The program follows the school calendar and is broken up into four 8 week sessions and one 4 week session as follows:

Session 1: September 12th - November 4th

Session 2: November 7th- January 6th

Session 3: January 9th – March 9th

Session 4: March 12th – May 11th

Session 5: May 14th – June 15th

Fees are \$18/day for Members & \$21/day for Non Members.

All families will be re-enrolled each session unless otherwise indicated to the Program Director, Apryl Rae Anastacio

Member and Non-Member fees apply for a choice of either 3 or 5 days/week commitment.

Financial assistance are available through the YMCA Open Doors Program. Please see the Member Service Desk for an application.

Commitment to a session is required. A change in enrollment will incur a fee of \$30.00

Half day and Full day programs and Winter & Spring Vacation Camps will be offered. These are consistent with the school calendar put forth by the Martha's Vineyard Public School System; **enrollment is optional and requires registration. Additional fees apply.**

***Multiple child discounts are available for both After-School Program, Half and full day Programs and Break Camps.**

Payment options: payment can either be made in full, or an automatic weekly draft can be applied to a credit card or checking account. Please visit the Member Service Desk to set up payment.

We accept American Express, Master Card, Visa and Discover, or Electronic fund Transfer (EFT).