



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
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A GREAT WAY TO BEGIN AND END THE DAY



**SHERRARD & WINOLA
BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

Mercer County Family YMCA
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Nurturing the potential of every child and teen

Y School Age Care

We provide a safe nurturing environment for children to learn, grow and develop social skills. The Y is guided by four core values: caring, honestly, respect, and responsibility. Our program focuses on youth development because we believe your child deserves the opportunity to discover who they are and what they can achieve.

Morning Session

Before school care is offered from 6 to 8:30am and is held at the Winola and Sherrard Elementary schools. Activities include breakfast, stories, crafts and projects, games and character development.

Afternoon Session

After school care is held at the Winola and Sherrard Elementary schools until 6pm. Activities include snacks, stories, crafts, special projects and programs, homework time and character development.

Registration Procedure

Registration packets can be picked up at the Mercer County Family YMCA and the program sites. A registration fee of \$10 per family each year will be required. (Note: First time registration fee and completed registration packet must be returned to program site or Mercer County Family YMCA before your child may attend the program.)

This program is provided through the Mercer County Family YMCA. Program forms will be available at the Y, the program sites and in the school office. If you are unable to contact your site coordinator about your child's schedule, you may leave a message at the school office or call the Y at 309 582 2503. All other concerns or questions may be communicated to the site coordinator or Lisa Clawson at 309 582 2503.

Program Fees

Fees for the program are \$5 per morning session and \$6 per afternoon session.

There are discounts available for families with more than one child.

Payments can be made by mail or in person at the Y or the program sites. Make checks payable to the Mercer County Family YMCA. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify. Please pick up an application at the Y or at the program site if you wish to apply.

Confidentiality

Student records are open only to the particular program staff & coordinator, the Director, Office Assistant, an authorized employee of the licensing agency, or the child's parent or legal guardian.

Pick-up and Delivery

Children in Before and After School Care must never be left without direct transfer to a caregiver or parent; therefore children must always be brought to and picked up from the classroom. Busing arrangements will be made for safe transfer. Parents must sign children in and out on the forms provided at the program sites. If a child should need to be picked up by someone other than those listed on the Consent Form; the teacher will need to be notified by the parents. Either a note delivered by the parent or a phone call is acceptable. Please realize this rule is for the safety of the children in the program. After School Care ends at 6pm. All children must be picked up prior to 6pm. Late fees will be assessed if children are not picked up by 6pm. (\$1 per minute per child)

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Illness

Upon daily arrival to the program, children are given a brief visual health check. If any indications of illness are noted, the child's temperature will be taken and a decision will be made if the child should go home and not be attendance in the program. If the child becomes ill while in the program, we will contact the parent or designated caregiver. Parents are expected to pick their children up as soon as possible after being informed of their illness. Children will be made comfortable until they can be picked up. Children must stay at home and may not return to the program until they are symptom free for 24 hours.

Injuries

The Mercer County Family YMCA and/or its staff are not responsible for accidents or expenses incurred due to accidents that may occur while children are attending the program. All injuries that occur during the program will be documents on an accident report and kept on file. A parent or designated person will be contacted immediately if your child should be injured. If no one can be reached, a decision will be made on the care that should be given by the staff or emergency service. Parents signed an emergency authorization on the enrollment which gives staff the proper authority to act on the behalf of the parents in granting permission for child to receive emergency treatment.

Medication

If it is necessary that a child be given medication while attending the program, staff may administer medication only with completed and signed medication form from a child's parent or guardian. A new medication form must be filled out at the beginning of EACH week. Medication must be clearly labeled (in the original container) with the child's name, name of medication, dosage, and specific time of day to be given.

Absences

If your child will be absent, please call the site coordinator.

How our communities' youth spend their time after school can be as important as the time they spend in school. Only 11%-6.5 million- of youth in grades K-12 participates in afterschool programs. More than 14 million young people are responsible for themselves after school. Quality afterschool programs serve working parents and give kids important opportunities to engage with other youth in an enriching, safe, environment, provide academic support and homework help, offer new experiences and activities and give young people the benefit of positive adult role models invested in their success.

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Children's Guidance

Discipline will be handled by frequently rewarding good behavior and discouraging improper behavior. These are simple classroom rules that all children will be expected to follow. Should it be necessary, the parent will be contacted. If problems persist, the parents are asked to meet with the staff to discuss what may be helpful in motivating their child to behave in an acceptable way.

Class Rules:

"We respect ourselves, respect each other and respect property."

The center reserves the right to dismiss any child, without two-week notice. We believe that not all situations or environments are ideal for children. If the coordinator deems it necessary to preserve the health and well being of a child or children in the program, a child can be dismissed immediately.



YMCA Mission

To put
Christian
principles
into practice
through
programs
which
promote a
healthy
spirit, mind
and body for
all.



Child's Name: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

I have Read and Understand the handbook for the Mercer County Family YMCA Before and After School Care.
Any photographs taken of my child during the program may be used in promotional materials by the Mercer County Family YMCA.



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