

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQS)

What options are available for attendance?

Three-Day and Five-Day Programs are available for children age 5 (in Kindergarten) through age 12.

What are the locations of your sites?

Alton School District Sites

Alton YWCA, 304 E. Third Street, Alton, IL
North Elementary School, 5600 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, IL

Roxana School District Site

Ivy Heights Church of God, 1901 Old Alton Edwardsville Road, Wood River, IL

Wood River-Hartford School District Site

Lewis & Clark Elementary School, 501 E Lorena Ave., Wood River, IL

What sites also offer before care?

The Wood River-Hartford and Roxana school district sites offer before care.

Do you accept CCAP payments (CHASI/DCFS)?

Yes, we accept CHASI and DCFS Collaborations payments. Application assistance is also offered to families applying for DCFS Collaborative Pay and CHASI.

What are the credentials of your staff?

Director has an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education and 20 years' experience working with children.

The Director and each Childcare Staff participate in 15 clock hours of In-Service Training annually.

The Director and each Childcare Staff have completed Mandatory Reporter Training.

CE Director has Illinois Department of Public Health Food Sanitation Training
Entire staff is First Aid, CPR & Heimlich Maneuver Trained.

All staff have passed Criminal Background Checks.

What are the Program Goals?

- Provide a safe and secure environment for all children.
- Promote learning with structured activities in the areas of Service Learning, Cultural Diversity, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics (STEAM), Group Games and Recreation.
- Supplement and support the school district's core curriculum through creative tutorial activities.
- Provide children the opportunity to develop physically through indoor and outdoor active play.
- Develop social skills through group interaction.
- Promote the YWCA Mission of "Eliminating Racism and Empowering Women" by using an anti-bias, culturally diverse curriculum.

What is a Sample Schedule for After Care?

When children arrive at the site, staff shall sign them in and then wash hands as a group. A snack will be served at approximately 3:30 p.m. After snack, there will be a scheduled homework time of 30 minutes with quiet activities for those children who do not have homework. Afterwards, staff will lead the children in activities in accordance with the curriculum for about 45 minutes to an hour. Enrichment activities, group games, and free play are all parts of the program. Parents are required to pick-up their children by 6:00 p.m.

When are Holiday Camps Scheduled during the School Year?

We strive to be open on days school is not in session with the exception of the holidays listed below. Our Camp locations may be limited to one or two of the sites dependent upon enrollment.

We are closed on the following days during the 2019-20 School Year:

New Year's Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Thanksgiving

Day After Thanksgiving
Christmas Eve
Christmas
Day After Christmas