

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 and discounts are available for families registering multiple children.

What are the locations of your sites?

Alton School District Sites

Alton YWCA, 304 E. Third Street, Alton, IL
Alton School District sites tbd

Roxana School District Site

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

Wood River-Hartford School District Site

Hartford Elementary, 110 W 2nd St, Hartford, IL
Lewis & Clark Elementary School, 501 E Lorena Ave., Wood River, IL

What sites also offer before care?

We will have before school care options for the Alton, Roxana and Wood River Hartford school district.

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. 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?

Holiday Camps are scheduled for all days that school is not in session with the exception of the following holidays.

Labor Day Monday, September 7, 2020	Thanksgiving Day Thursday, Nov. 26, 2020	Day After Thanksgiving Day Friday, Nov. 27, 2020
Christmas Eve Thurs., December 24, 2020	Christmas Fri., Dec. 25, 2020	Day After Christmas Monday, December 28, 2020

Do you offer YWCA Summer Camp?

Yes, YWCA Summer Camp is an enrichment based program offered as a three-day or five-day program for children age 5 (in Kindergarten) through age 12. Breakfast, Lunch and an Afternoon snack are provided. Camp begins in early June once the school year is finished and runs through mid-August (the last day of camp will be contingent upon start dates for each school district.)

What is the Summer Camp Sample Daily Schedule?

6:30 – 7:50 a.m. – Arrival/Table Toys/Down Time
7:50 – 8:00 a.m. – Wash hands and prepare for Breakfast
8:00 – 8:30 a.m. – Breakfast
8:30 – 9:00 a.m. – Clean-up from Breakfast/Reading Time
9:00 – 10:00 a.m. – Morning Activity
10:00 – 11:00 a.m. – Fit Kids (Outdoors if weather permits)
11:00 – 11:50 a.m. – Activity/Project
11:50 a.m. – 12:00 (Noon) – Wash hands and prepare for Lunch
12:00 – 12:30 p.m. – Lunch Time
12:30 – 1:00 p.m. – Clean-up from Lunch/Prepare for Rest Time
1:00 – 1:30 p.m. – Rest Time/Quiet Activity/Reading
1:30 – 2:45 p.m. – Recreational Time/Outdoor Activity
3:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Snack Time
3:45 – 4:15 p.m. – Afternoon Activity
4:15 – 5:00 p.m. – Afternoon Activity
5:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Free Play in Day Room/Departure

Do you offer Field Trips?

In typical years (not 2020) we do offer weekly field trips and activities throughout the summer.

Field Trip Schedule

6:30 – 7:50 a.m. – Arrival/Table Toys/Down Time
7:50 – 8:00 a.m. – Wash hands and prepare for Breakfast
8:00 – 8:30 a.m. – Breakfast
8:30 – 9:00 a.m. – Clean-up from Breakfast/Reading Time
9:00 a.m. – Depart for Field Trip
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 (Noon) – Field Trip Activity

12:00 – 12:30 p.m. – Lunch
12:30 – 2:00 p.m. – Field Trip Activity
2:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Depart for Camp Sites
3:30 p.m. – Snack

We will return to sites no later than 4:30 p.m., unless otherwise notified

What are typical Field Trip Experiences?

Field trips vary from year to year. However, here is a sampling from previous years.

Mini Golf at Solid Impact

St. Louis Zoo

Bethalto Splash Pad

Roxana Community Pool

St. Louis Science Center

YMCA Skate Center

Edwardsville Children’s Museum

St. Louis City Museum