



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

about the 2023-2024 YWCA Greenwich Afterschool Programs

Q. When does the Greenwich YWCA After School Programs operate?

A. Both After School programs (“YW KALEIDOSCOPE BACKYARD” and “YW HUB”), operate Monday through Friday 2:30pm to 6:00pm from September 5, 2023 to June 14, 2024. We follow the Greenwich Public School Schedule. On scheduled early release days, the program hours are 12:30pm to 6:00pm.

Q. What about when Greenwich public schools are off?

A. When the Greenwich Public Schools are closed, the YWCA after school programs are not open. However, we may offer an all-day Vacation Camp program. Contact the Office of Youth Programs: a.smith@ywcagreenwich.org , for more information.

Q. Does the YWCA offer transportation to the afterschool programs?

A. Yes, the YWCA offers transportation from *most* of the Greenwich public schools; ***JULIAN CURTISS, HAMILTON AVE, NEW LEBANON, NORTH STREET, COS COB, DUNDEE, NORTH MIANUS, RIVERSIDE, WESTERN MIDDLE and CENTRAL MIDDLE***. Participants are transported via ‘yellow buses’ supplied by the Greenwich Board of Education or via a YWCA designated vehicle to the YWCA from their appropriate school. On most Greenwich Public Schools’ early release days, after school hours are extended from school’s dismissal time and transportation to the YWCA is provided as well.

Q. How much does the Afterschool programs cost?

A. The session program charge for the “YW KALEIDOSCOPE BACKYARD” program depends on the number of days your child attends the program. Your child may attend the program 3, 4, or 5 days a week. **HOWEVER, IF YOU REGISTER FOR LESS THAN 5 DAYS A WEEK, THE DAYS OF THE WEEK CHOSEN MUST REMAIN CONSTANT. The program charge for the “YW HUB” program is \$100.00 per month.**

The 2022-2023 Backyard Program session costs are as follows

	<u>Fall</u>	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Spring</u>
3 days per week	\$ 1700.00	\$ 1175.00	\$ 1175.00
4 days per week	\$ 2175.00	\$ 1500.00	\$ 1500.00
5 days per week	\$ 2675.00	\$ 1800.00	\$ 1800.00

Q. How do I register and How does payment work?

A. The first step to enroll in either Afterschool program is to fully complete the program registration form and credit card authorization form. Then return to a.smith@ywcagreenwich.org. There are a certain amount of spaces allocated per room, so once we confirm that we can accommodate your child (matching grade and school), you will then receive an email of confirmation of registration. We expect this process to take only a couple of days. Once you have been confirmed, ‘Kaleidoscope Backyard’ participants will be charged the first installment of the session cost. These session costs are separated into 4 or 3 installment charges, as indicated on the registration form. The “YW HUB” participants will be charged \$100.00 per month. We will work individually with families receiving financial aid.

Q. Does the YWCA offer Financial Scholarships?

A. Yes. The YWCA does offer financial scholarships. Scholarships are available for income-eligible families and the **maximum amount given out is 40% off a program cost**. Applications can be retrieved from the Office of Youth Programs or the Member Services desk; but completed applications should be returned to the Office of Youth Programs. *{a completed 2022 Federal tax return is needed for processing}*

Q. What if I'm not a member of the YWCA of Greenwich?

A. A YWCA membership is required for all program participants. The cost of a yearly affiliate membership is \$100.00. Participants must have at least an affiliate membership to be in the After School programs. If you are interested in a full family membership or would like to find out more about our other membership options, please see our member services desk; full family members receive 15% off the program cost.

Q. What activities do you offer in the Afterschool programs?

A. During the time a participant is in our program, they will be involved in a wide range of exciting and fun filled activities, *(depending upon day attending)*, such as:

- Swimming
- Cooking
- Kickboxing classes
- Computer coding classes
- Arts & Crafts workshops
- Basketball, Soccer, Tennis and Lacrosse clinics
- Chess and checkers workshop classes
- Sports and Games
- Yoga and Fitness classes
- Gymnastic classes
- Various afterschool and group activities
- Supervised homework time
- *Karate classes (*participation may require an additional fee)*

And you are of course welcome to sign up the participants for any of the wonderful programs the YWCA has to offer such as swimming lessons, gymnastics, or ballet classes. Please inform the Afterschool Program Director of the day and time of these classes.

Q. What is the ratio of staff to children?

A. The YWCA of Greenwich follows the Connecticut State Department of Education Regulations of 1:10. That is 1 teacher per every 10 children.

Q. What are the qualifications of your staff/teachers?

A. Our teachers are college and high school students chosen for their experience, skills, ability, enthusiasm, and desire to work with children and then trained thusly. The After School teachers are sensitive to the needs, happiness and most of all, safety of the children in their care.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND/OR REGISTRATION SIGNUPS, PLEASE REACH OUT DIRECTLY TO THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR:
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