

Y's Owls Preschool Program Q & A for Parents

What are the days and hours of the Y's Owls Preschool Program?

Operating Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Three Year Old Preschool Program – Tuesday and Thursday
Four Year Old Pre-Kindergarten Program-Monday-Wednesday-Friday

Where will the Y's Owls Preschool Program take place?

The Program will take place at the Hamilton Area YMCA JKR Branch.

Are parents permitted in the building when dropping off or picking up children for the Program?

No, parents are not permitted in the building when dropping off or picking up their child. There will be a designated area for drop off and pick up.

Will staff and children be required to wear a mask?

Masks will be worn by all staff and children attending the Program. Enrolled children are required to bring their own mask.

How will Social Distancing be implemented during Program hours?

Maximum class size will be 15 children per group not including the adult staff members. Activities will be modified for Social Distancing. There will be individual and limited contact activities provided. Children will have their own set of pencils, crayons, erasers, etc. in a zip lock bag labeled with their name. Sharing of items will be limited following proper cleaning and disinfecting procedures.

During **Outdoor Time**, Social Distancing will be observed. Staff will use open outdoor space for non-contact outdoor activities.

How will staff ensure Proper Hygiene Measures and Procedures?

The Lead Teacher will ensure that staff and children adhere to the hand washing schedule. Children and staff will wash their hands upon entering the program, after each activity, prior to going outside, when coming in from outside, after coughing/sneezing, etc. Signs will be displayed in bathrooms and in program area on how to properly wash hands. Hand sanitizer will be available to staff and children within the program areas.

What are the Procedures for Cleaning, Sanitizing and Disinfecting?

All tables will be cleaned and disinfected before and after use of each

activity by a Y's Owls staff member. Also, a Y's Owls staff member will be responsible for cleaning and disinfecting designated bathrooms for children during program hours (cleaning and disinfecting sinks, toilets, and high touch areas).

What are the Procedures for children's personal belongings?

No toys or personal items from home will be permitted in the Program. Each child will be assigned a cubbie to store their personal belongings.

What are the Procedures for Drop Off?

Upon arriving at the Y, parents will proceed to the "Pool Side" doors for Drop Off. All parents/guardians and children must be wearing the proper face covering at this time. Drop off time is staggered from 8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. A designated staff member will come to the entrance to greet the parent and child. The staff member will make a visual inspection of the child for signs of illness and then conduct a temperature screening. If the child's temperature is below 100.4 F, and there are no visible signs of illness, the staff member will initial the sign-in sheet and the child will proceed to the Program area to put away their personal belongings and wash their hands.

What are the Procedures for Pick Up?

Upon arriving at the Y, parents will proceed to the "Pool Side" doors for Pick Up. All parents/guardians must be wearing the proper face covering at this time and follow Social Distancing procedures. Pick up time is staggered from 12:45 – 1:00 p.m. A designated staff member will escort child out to Parent and staff member initials sign out sheet.

What is the cost of the Program?

Pre-Kindergarten Program attending M-W-F, \$336 per month

Preschool Program attending T-R, \$225 per month

Hamilton Area YMCA Family Facility Members receive a 5% discount

How Do Parents register their child(ren) for the Program?

All registration takes place on line. Registration will be available on the Hamilton Area YMCA website. By visiting our website at [www.hamiltonymca.org/Childcare/Y's Owls](http://www.hamiltonymca.org/Childcare/Y's%20Owls) , parents can access registration information and all required paperwork.

Will a morning snack be provided?

A morning snack will not be provided. Parents are welcome to send in a morning snack for their child to enjoy. Individual packaged snacks are preferred.

The Y's Owls Program is a nut-free program. Absolutely no products containing peanuts, peanut butter, or tree nuts of any kind are allowed. This includes products made in a facility that processes tree nuts/peanuts.

Is there a scheduled Lunch time?

Yes, there is a scheduled Lunch time. Parents are asked to send in a lunch box lunch. All food, utensils and drinks MUST be disposable. We do not have the ability to refrigerate or heat up food.

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Who shall I contact at the Hamilton Area YMCA for additional information regarding the Y's Owls Summer Enrichment Program?

Please email Beverly Gessner, at bgessner@hamiltonymca.org