

Y's Owls Summer Enrichment Program Q & A for Parents

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

There will be five-one week sessions offered operating Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Session 1 July 5-9
Session 2 July 12-16
Session 3 July 19-23
Session 4 July 26-30
Session 5 August 2-6

Where will the Y's Owls Summer Enrichment Program take place?

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

How much time will be spent on Academic support throughout the day?

Children will spend approximately 30 minutes each in the following areas; Math, Reading, Writing and Science. There will be staff directed activities as well as independent work.

How will Enrichment be incorporated into the day?

Planned indoor and outdoor activities will include Art, Music, Gardening and Playground for peer socialization.

Will children be required to bring an I pad or Laptop to the Program?

I pads or Laptops will not be used in the Program. Screen time is limited. Staff will use an Interactive White Board to engage children in physical activities such as Yoga and Dance Moves.

How do I know my child is receiving Academic support in the appropriate areas?

Parents will have the opportunity when completing the registration packet to share if there is a specific Academic area to address. IE; a 5 year old entering Kindergarten is having difficulty holding a pencil and writing their name, focus will be on mastering prewriting skills during the Writing component.

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.

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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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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.

How will children be grouped when enrolled in the Program?

Children will be assigned to a group by grade. There will be a maximum of 10 children per group. Staff members will be assigned to a specific group of children and will not rotate.

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 Group size will be 10 children per group not including the adult staff members. Each group is considered a "family." Each "family" will Social Distance from other "families" maintaining a distance of 10 feet to assure safety. Groups will not intermix and will be with the same staff members throughout the program. 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. Children will remain in assigned Groups.

How will staff ensure Proper Hygiene Measures and Procedures?

The Program Supervisor 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 laundry basket to store their personal belongings. Each basket will be labeled with the child's name. Baskets will be cleaned and disinfected at the end of each Program day.

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, remaining on the inside of the Screening Barrier (Clear acrylic guard). 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?

The cost of the Program is \$160 per Session.

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/Enrichment, parents can access registration information and all required paperwork.

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