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GREAT ESCAPE BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions

WELCOME! Enjoy the convenience of child care right at your school. With a focus on safety, health, social growth and academic enhancement, the Y's Great Escape program serves kindergarten through 6th grade with a variety of before and after school activity options to explore and develop their interests and talents. Children engage in special projects, arts & crafts, indoor and outdoor games, a healthy snack and an opportunity to complete homework.

Q How will my child get to and from the Great Escape program?

A Children walk to/from Great Escape and class. Great Escape staff will walk kindergarten children to/from Great Escape until he/she is comfortable transitioning independently, usually for the first month or so.

At the start of school, we recommend that you communicate with the school teacher indicating the days/times that your child will be attending Great Escape. Because schedules vary greatly from child to child, staff cannot contact teachers with lists.

Q What if my child is coming to Great Escape from or leaving for a before/after school activity?

A Please complete the ALTERNATE ARRIVAL / RELEASE AGREEMENT so that the Great Escape staff are aware of the transition.

Q What are the hours of the Great Escape program?

A 6:30-8:45 a.m. and 3:35-6:00 p.m. You may drop-off/pick-up any time within those hours.

Q What if I cannot get to school by 6:00 p.m. to pick up my child?

A We will assess a late pick-up fee of \$5 per 15 minutes after 6:00 p.m. 1-15 minutes late = \$5. Please arrange to have your child picked up on time as we are only licensed until 6:00 p.m. Chronic tardiness may be grounds for termination.

Q Do I need to bring anything when I pick up my child?

A For your child's safety, please be sure that all individuals who are authorized to pick up your child bring an ID to present up on pick-up.

Q What will my child eat for a snack?

A Our programs offer a nutritious snack with milk daily. The Y follows the guidelines set forth by the State of Wisconsin for child care food programs. Examples of snacks include: fruit, crackers, cereal, granola bars, etc. If your child has any dietary restrictions, please be sure to indicate them on your child's registration form.

Q How should I report that my child will not be attending Great Escape if he/she is ill or absent?

A Please call the Child Development Office at 715-342-2999 or e-mail childdevelopment@symca.org. Please do not give messages to staff at the school site.

Q Do I have to pay for days that my child does not attend?

A Yes. When you elect your child's schedule, we establish a monthly fee and assign staff based on enrollment for each day. If your child is ill or absent, your bank draft or credit card draft will NOT be adjusted. Trading one day for another is also not allowed.

Q How far in advance do I need to report a change to my child's schedule?

A ALL schedule changes and terminations require 2 weeks WRITTEN notice through the YMCA Child Development Office. This can be e-mailed to childdevelopment@spymca.org or dropped off at the desk.

Q Does the Y offer programming for days that schools are not in session?

A Absolutely! We offer Days Off and Snow Days programming at the Y. Rates and information are available in the registration packet. Spots fill quickly, so register early.

Q Where should I enter the school and where is Great Escape located?

School	Entrance	Location
Bannach	Front Door	Gym
Jefferson	Door #5	Gym/Cafeteria
Madison	Door #3	Gym/Cafeteria Art Room if sports are in Gym
McDill	Front Door	Gym Library or Art Room if sports are in Gym
McKinley	Front Door	Cafeteria
Plover Whiting	Door #5	Cafeteria
Roosevelt	Door #9 or Front Door	Cafeteria
Washington	Front Door	Cafeteria

Q I'd like to enroll my child(ren) but cannot afford the program. Is financial assistance available?

A The Y believes in providing membership and program services to all who desire to participate. For information about financial assistance, please contact the Child Development Office at 715-342-2999.

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