

YCHILD CARE™

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Club Kid October News

As we move into the month of October and autumn rolls in, we hope that your child has started off this new school year with much enthusiasm. We can all appreciate the challenge of getting back into the school year routine. We hope our program has helped get the school year off to a great start.

IMPORTANT PICK-UP INFORMATION

As a safety precaution, anyone who picks up your child must show ID. We will not release your child to anyone that cannot provide us ID or is not a designated pick-up person. Though staff will get used to you and might not ask you for ID, it is imperative that you have it available for staff. They will spot check from time to time and it helps keep you in the habit of bringing it in. If a key staff person is absent and a substitute site director is at your child's site, that director will ask you for ID. Though this might appear to be an inconvenience to some, this policy is purely in place for your child's safety. Please understand that this policy cannot be compromised and we ask that you do not ask the staff to do so. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

UPCOMING VACATION CAMP

Registration for our upcoming Vacation Camp is in progress. Registration forms are available at each site. If you do not see them, please ask your site director. Please contact the office of your director at 845-344-9622 if you have any questions.

LATE PICK-UP

Please note that our programs end promptly at 6:00PM, unless otherwise noted. It is imperative that you pick up your child on time. Failure to do so will result in large late fees and in the risk of you losing your child's placement in our program. If picking up on time is difficult for you, we urge you to find an alternative pick-up person or source of child care.

HALLOWEEN AT THE YMCA

On Saturday, October 24th we will be hosting a Happy Halloween Happening here at the YMCA of Middletown. The hours are 6pm-9pm. There is a small fee for all activities. Everyone is welcome. Activities are appropriate for ages 3 and up. For more information, please call Debbie Fitzsimmons at 845-344-9622 x 224. Please see additional information on the back of this newsletter.

HALLOWEEN and AUTUMN CELEBRATIONS

All sites will be participating in our autumn/Halloween celebrations. Each site will decide how they would like to celebrate the season, so if you have children at two different schools there is a good chance that their celebrations will be different. However, you can be sure that everyone will have a great time. Please speak to your child's counselor if there is a chance that you can help with the party or if you are willing to donate some goodies to augment this safe celebration day.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

October's payment is late after October 10th. If you are not paid up to date, please make sure this is taken care of at this time. We do not want your child's placement in the program to be at risk. A \$20.00 late fee will be applied to your balance if we receive the payment late. It is also important that you contact the YMCA, your child's counselor and your child's teacher should your child's Club Kid schedule change. Payment adjustments can not be made if we are not informed in advance of any changes. All requests for changes must be provided in writing to the YMCA. At no time can payment be made at the site.

EXTENDED HOURS

At some sites extended hours are available until 6:30. As of November 30th we will no longer be running those programs if there is not at least a minimum number of participants. If you are currently using this program, we urge you to get in touch with your program director to learn the status of extended hours at your program, so you can start to look for an alternative. Though we regret having to make this decision, we cannot run the program for only 1 or 2 participants. We apologize for the difficulty this might cause.

SITE INFORMATION

- To be a Club Kid participant each child must have a medical and immunizations on file. If we do not receive these documents by the date requested by your site director, your child will not be able to attend the program until these documents are handed in.
- Please make sure you have a contact number for your child's Club Kid program. Having this information should alleviate some of the stress, if you need to get in touch with your child's counselor.
- On a final note, please understand that it is imperative that you have emergency contacts that can pick up your child if you are unavailable to pick up your child early in an emergency or if you are running late. Late pick up after the program's designated closing time is not an acceptable option. Thank you for your cooperation regarding this issue.

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