

2026-2027 AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM GUIDE

Serving Students in Grades K-12

YMCA of Southeastern North Carolina

BACK TO SCHOOL AT THE Y!

Thank you for choosing the Y! We are looking forward to the school year ahead at the YMCA of Southeastern North Carolina, and we are excited about the opportunity to be a part of you and your child's lives this school year. It is our aim to run high quality programs that are not only safe, but also provide opportunities for children and teens to have fun, be active, enhance education, explore new interests, and build relationships.

For our returning families, welcome back! Thank you for continuing to choose the Y to serve you and your family. To our new families, we welcome you to what we hope will be the first of many years together. As you navigate the waters of YMCA programs, please feel free to ask questions; we will do our best to provide assistance as soon as possible. Relationships are at the core of the Y, and we strive to strengthen relationships between children, parents, and our staff in everything we do.

In this guide, you will see that we are incorporating Afterschool Clubs for the 2026-27 school year and that we are serving more schools than ever before! If your child attends a school that is not listed, please let us know and we see if there is still a way to serve your family this school year. Please take time to browse this guide, check out our offerings, and visit our website to find out more. The majority of your questions will be found in this guide or in our parent handbook. We encourage you to register early since our programming will fill to capacity. We are very excited to see you this school year and hope you are ready to experience the best school year yet!

Youth Services Staff

YMCA of Southeastern North Carolina

REGISTRATION

Registration is now open! Afterschool programming can and will fill up, and we recommend you sign up as soon as possible! There is a one-time $35 registration fee which is due when you register. For all of our Afterschool programs, registration and weekly fees are due the Wednesday before the week your child attends; this allows us to ensure proper staffing, supplies, snacks, and an age-appropriate schedule for those in attendance. You can choose to register online at www.ymcasenc.org (preferred) or you may choose to register in person at our Nir Family YMCA at 2710 Market Street, Wilmington, NC 28403 or in person at our Midtown YMCA at 709 George Anderson Drive, Wilmington, NC 28412 or in person at the Sampson County YMCA at 417 E. Johnson St, Clinton, NC 28328.

FUN FOR EVERYONE

At the Y, we think fun, new friends, positive role models and great times should be available to every child. That's why we provide scholarships to families who need help making Back to School Programming a reality.

If your family needs a little help to make Back to School programming happen, scholarship forms are available online by clicking here.

Funds are made possible because of the generous donations made through our YMCA Youth Services Annual Giving Campaign. You can help provide Back to School programming for families by visiting our website and making a tax-deductible online gift or by submitting a donation to our Membership Desk at the Nir Family YMCA or Midtown YMCA.

YOU'RE IN GOOD HANDS

Staff,as role models, are selected for sound judgment, maturity, experience, enthusiasm, and creativity. All staff are interviewed and go through a complete background check prior to being hired. Training occurs before the school year and throughout the program to ensure attention to detail. All staff are certified in CPR & First Aid. Our programs focus on encouraging character growth through care, honesty, respect, responsibility, and faith. You can be sure that our Y staff is committed to developing these traits through our Back to School program activities, and that all activity areas are well supervised. Our average Elementary Afterschool staff to student ratio is 1:12 and 1:15 for our Middle School After- school program. By selecting our Back to School programming, you are investing in a safe, fun, educational, and memorable experience for your child.



DAILY LOGISTICS

Our Elementary Afterschool Program and Middle School Afterschool Program operates every day that your child's school is in session. At the end of the school day, depending on the school, students either remain at their school for Afterschool under the care of Y staff or a Y bus transports them to their appropriate Afterschool location.

The programs operate from the end of the school day until 6:00 P.M. All students must be picked up by 6:00 P.M. by their guardian(s) or any additional person listed on their pick-up form. Students who are picked up late will be charged $1 for every minute that they are late.

Child care for teacher workdays, holidays, intercession, and camps will be held at the Hampstead United Methodist Church, Midtown YMCA, Nir Family YMCA, and Sampson County YMCA. Students may be dropped off from 7am to 9am and picked up from 4pm to 6pm. Teacher workdays, holidays, intercession, and camps are an additional cost to the program. Please be sure to pack a swim suit, towel, and lunch on each of these days; an email will go out to all registered parents before the week begins outlining the field trips and all other pertinent details for these days.

INTRODUCING AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Starting in the 2026-2027 school year, we are introducing site-based afterschool clubs! In addition to our regular activities, students can choose from a variety of quarterly clubs, such as:

- Sports: Basketball Basics, Soccer Skills, Track & Field Fun, Yoga for Kids, Dance
- Arts: Acrylic Painting, Clay Art, Photography, Theater Workshops
- Reading: Book Club, Storytelling Circle, Comic Book Creations
- Math: Math Games, Puzzle Challenges, Lego Building, Sudoku
- Writing: Creative Writing, Journalism, Card Writing for Causes
- Community Service: Environmental Club, Volunteer Club

Club days and offerings will vary by location each quarter.



2026-2027 YMCA AFTERSCHOOL LOCATIONS

Brunswick County Schools

1. Belville Elementary students bussed to Nir Family YMCA

Pender County Schools

1. Hampstead United Methodist Church

15395 Highway 17
Hampstead, NC 28443

Picking students up from:
*South Topsail Elementary
*Topsail Elementary

2. Barlow Vista Baptist Church

22340 US-17
Hampstead, NC 28443

Picking students up from:
*North Topsail Elementary
*Surf City Elementary

*Students will be picked up by a YMCA bus & transported to these locations.

Clinton City Schools

1.Sunset AvenueElementary
**Butler Avenue Elementary
**L.C. Kerr Elementary
**Students from Butler Avenue & L.C. Kerr will be transported by Clinton City Schools to Sunset Avenue Elementary.
An exciting update for this site is that the YMCA has received grant funding to provide a 21st Century Community Learning Center Afterschool Program. This makes the program 100% FREE for all K-5 students attending these 3 schools.
Click here to learn more.

Sampson County Schools

1. Roseboro Elementary
2. Salemburg Elementary



2026-2027 YMCA AFTERSCHOOL LOCATIONS

New Hanover County

1. Alderman Elementary *bused to Midtown
2. Anderson Elementary
3. Bellamy Elementary
4. Blair Elementary
5. Carolina Beach Elementary
6. Castle Hayne Elementary
7. College Park Elementary
8. Codington Elementary
9. Eaton Elementary
10. Holly Tree Elementary
11. International School at Gregory
12. Masonboro Elementary
13. Murrayville Elementary
14. Ogden Elementary
15. Porters Neck Elementary
16. Snipes Academy of Arts & Design
17. Wrightsboro Elementary
18. Wrightsville Beach Elementary

21. Midtown YMCA

709 George Anderson Drive
Wilmington, NC 28412

Picking Elementary Students up from:
*Bradley Creek Elementary
*Cape Fear Century for Inquiry
*Island Montessori K-8
*Mary C. Williams Elementary
*Pine Valley Elementary

Picking Middle School students up from:
*Cape Fear Center for Inquiry
*Murray Middle School
*Myrtle Grove Middle School
*Roland-Grise Middle School

22. GLOW Academy

This location is 100% FREE and is made possible by GLOW and the generous contributions of this community. Please use code "GLOW2026" when registering. This site serves students in grades 6 through 12.

20. Nir Family YMCA

2710 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28403

Picking Elementary Students up from:
*Forest Hills Elementary
*Ogden Elementary
*Sunset Park Elementary
*Wilmington School of the Arts
*Winter Park Elementary
*Rachel Freeman School of Engineering

Use Code: RACHEL26 for a discounted price thanks to a generous donor

Picking Middle School Students up from:
*Holly Shelter Middle School
*Trask Middle School



*Students will be picked up by a YMCA bus & transported to these locations.



YMCA ELEMENTARY AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

Serving students in grades K–5

The Y Afterschool Program offers a safe, engaging environment where children can grow socially, physically, and academically. With a focus on health, character development, and well-being, our program provides activities like sports, outdoor play, STEM projects, and more. Children receive a healthy snack, at least 30 minutes of structured homework help, and 30 minutes of physical activity daily. The program follows Healthy Eating and Physical Activity (HEPA) standards to promote a balanced lifestyle.

Rooted in the Y's core values of caring, honesty, respect, responsibility, and faith, the program encourages self-expression and exploration. Starting in the 2026-2027 school year, we will also offer site-based afterschool clubs to further support children's interests. Afterschool care is available every school day from dismissal until 6:00 pm, with transportation to designated Y locations when needed.

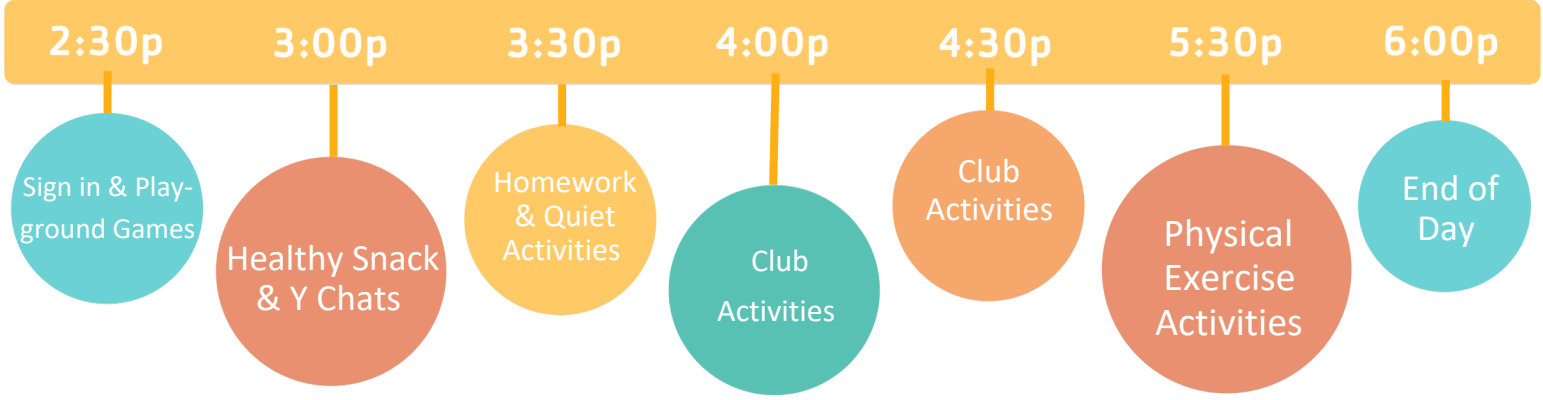
2026–2027 Afterschool Program Fees

If your family needs assistance to make Afterschool a reality, please click here to apply for financial assistance.

	Member & Teacher Fees	Non-member Fees
Registration Fees →	**$35**	**$35**
Brunswick County Weekly Elementary School Fees →	**Part-time: $46.8** **Up to 3 days per week** **Full-time: $59.4** **Up to 5 days per week**	**Part-time: $52** **Up to 3 days per week** **Full-time: $66** **Up to 5 days per week**
New Hanover County Weekly Elementary School Fees →	**Part-time: $59.8** **Up to 3 days per week** **Full-time: $72** **Up to 5 days per week**	**Part-time: $66** **Up to 3 days per week** **Full-time: $80** **Up to 5 days per week**
Rachel Freeman Elementary **Thanks to a generous donor:**	**Full & Part-time: $15** **Use Code: RACHEL26**	**Full & Part-time: $15** **Use Code: RACHEL26**
Pender County Weekly Elementary School Fees →	**Part-time: $46.8** **Up to 3 days per week** **Full-time: $72** **Up to 5 days per week**	**Part-time: $52** **Up to 3 days per week** **Full-time: $80** **Up to 5 days per week**
Sampson County Weekly Elementary School Fees →	**Part-time: $48.6** **Up to 3 days per week** **Full-time: $61.2** **Up to 5 days per week**	**Part-time: $54** **Up to 3 days per week** **Full-time: $68** **Up to 5 days per week**
Half Days	**Included in program fees**	**Included in program fees**



Sample Afterschool Day (times & activities may vary by school)



YMCA Middle School Afterschool Program

Serving students in grades 6–8

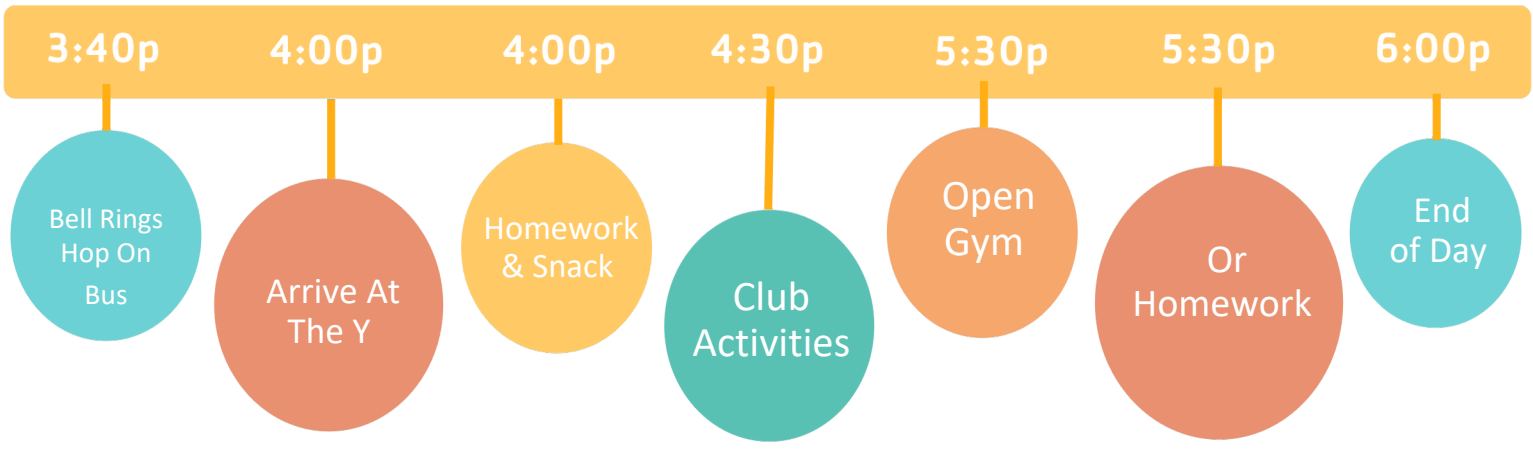
The YMCA's Middle School Afterschool program is for students in grades 6-8 attending our Midtown YMCA, Nir Family YMCA. We provide a variety of programmatic and activity options to enhance your child's confidence, enrich his or her social and physical development, explore and develop interests and talents, and encourage self- expression. Students will receive a daily snack, complete homework, participate in club activi- ties such as soccer, Esports, reading, flag foot- ball, and more as well as have the opportunity to learn from our partners on topics such as mental health, career readiness, college, bank- ing, and more. Pickup is by 6pm.



Additionally, we strongly encourage you to enroll your child in our Leaders Club! Please click on the hyperlink to learn more. When enrolled in Y After Hours, we will ensure that your child transitions from Y After Hours to Leaders Club seamlessly and you can pick your child up at the conclusion of that program on that designated day.

2026–2027 Middle School Program Fees		
	Member & Teacher Fees	**Non-member Fees**
Registration Fees →	**$35**	**$35**
Weekly Fees →	**Part-time: $46.8** **Up to 3 days per week** **Full-time: $59.4** **Up to 5 days per week**	**Part-time: $52** **Up to 3 days per week** **Full-time: $66** **Up to 5 days per week**
HalfDays →	**Included in program fees**	**Included in program fees**

Sample Afternoon:



TEACHER WORKDAY, HOLIDAYS, & INTERCESSION



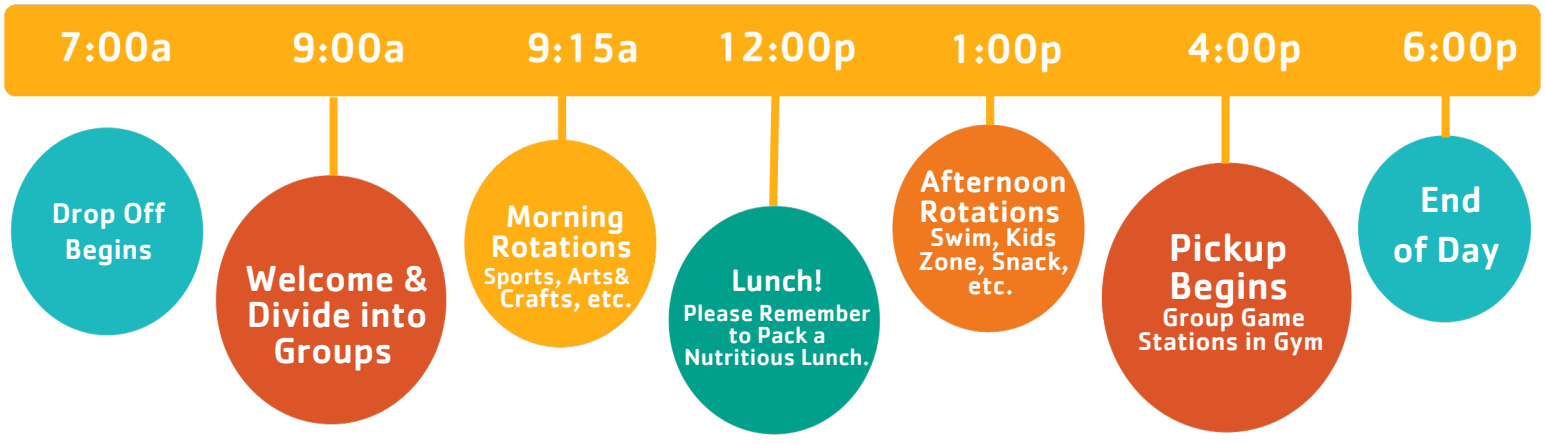
When school is out, the Y is in! During Intercession breaks,Christmas break, Spring break, Teacher Workdays, and Holidays, children have the opportunity to come to the Y for a full day of activities where children will learn new sports and games, create arts and crafts, develop good sportsmanship, be a part of a team, build new friendships, swim, learn to be healthy, and much more! YMCA locations and dates are determined by the school calendar and schools we serve. Please be extra cognizant as you sign up for these days and make note of which location you are registering your child to attend.

During each full week, we will take at least two field trips that will engage the mind and body and give students the opportunity to explore their local community and engage in activities outside of the Y such as Camp Kirkwood, Aquarium at Fort Fisher, Flip N Fly, and more. Single teacher workdays and holidays will mainly be held at Hampstead United Methodist Church, Midtown YMCA, Nir Family YMCA, and the Sampson County YMCA, but may include a trip to the local park. Your child will be active, have fun, and will want to keep coming back day after day. Registration is separate from Afterschool, locations can fill to capacity, and we encourage you to register today for all dates you need; please register no later than five business days in advance so that we can ensure proper staffing, supplies, food, and a fun-filled schedule.

2026-2027 Program Fees	Member & Teacher Fees	Non-member Fees
Intercession and Spring Break	**5 Day: $162** **3 Day: $97.20**	**5 Day: $180** **3 Day: $108**
Teacher Workdays & Holidays **Pender and New Hanover Counties**	**$32.40 per day** **Dates and locations vary by school calendars**	**$36 per day** **Dates and locations vary by school calendars**
Teacher Workdays, Holidays, & Breaks in Sampson County	**$29.70 per day**	**$33 per day**
The program will be closed Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Black Friday, Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, and Memorial Day in order for staff to spend quality time with family and friends and prep for other upcoming programs.		



Sample Teacher Workday, Holiday, Camp, & Intercession Day



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"My girls made wonderful friends and learned how to help each other. They enjoyed working with the younger kids."

-Y Parent



"My son is learning to stay active. He has become more self confident and has taken on new things."

-Y Parent



"My daughter is already looking forward to becoming an LIT, and she is only 9 years old!"

-Y Parent



"My child knew no one and had never played soccer. This program totally gave him confidence and a good feeling about himself. Thank you!"

-Y Parent



"Afterschool has been a great experience for our family, and we are so thankful that our child can now attend the Y through her middle school years."

-Y Parent

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