



FOREVER LEARNING.



STRATFORD YMCA
2021-2022 School Age Child Care Brochure



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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We strive to meet the needs of our families while providing quality experiences for the children in our programs. Where and how children spend their time is vital to their growth and success in life.

FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

We help kids reach their potential and thrive in a safe, trustworthy setting. We support your family needs before school, after school or when your child is required to distance learn. The Y offers a curriculum that aligns with the school day and supports growth in literacy, science, math, science, engineering and technology (STEM) while infusing the arts, physical activity and fun. We teach kids confidence, encourage self-expression and enrich social development. Providing our youth with the support, encouragement and positive role models that they need, will not only increase their ability to succeed in school but in life. For families, we offer a peace of mind knowing that your child is in a safe and educational program building new relationships and achieving more.

FOR HEALTHY LIVING

As a leading nonprofit committed to nurturing the potential of every child and teen, supporting their social-emotional, cognitive and physical development. The Central Connecticut Coast YMCA continues to give youth an enriching and safe experience. Our experienced and caring staff and volunteers model the positive core Y values of **caring, honesty, respect** and **responsibility** that help build character. Our core values are woven throughout our child care program to create a warm, nurturing, home away from home. Your child's growth, development and education are important to us, as we do our best to ensure their future is bright.

FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Everyone belongs at the Y. To ensure that all youth have the chance to participate, the Y offers financial assistance to those in need. Please talk with us to learn more. If you'd like to help send a child to child care, you can donate easily on our web site or at our Y. We also participate in the State of CT Care4Kids program.

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OUR MISSION: To put Judeo-Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.



STRATFORD YMCA

2021-2022 SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE PROGRAMMING Before and After School, Y Learning Center for Virtual School Days



OUR CURRICULUM

A combination of active and engaging learning activities are planned. Fun prevails as well as aligning with school day site themes. All activities are designed to encourage participation by all age groups.

HEALTHY EATING AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (HEPA)

The Y follows a set of HEPA standards to build a healthier future for our children. Each day children run, jump, play games and are physically active. Healthy snacks are served to teach children to live a healthy life!

HOMEWORK HELP

Time is short at home at the end of the day. We can help! Children can complete homework with the support of our team. No homework, no problem! Children are encouraged to read, play and interact with others.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING and MATH (STEM)

Children are challenged to be critical thinkers, make predictions and become inventors while participating in hands-on activities.

ENRICHMENT

To inspire a child's creative mind, they can undertake crafts, painting, drama and other art projects. From drama and board games to reading, literacy is infused in our programming.

EXPERIENCED EDUCATORS

Our staff are role models with a passion for working with children. All staff go through a rigorous interview process with reference and background checks before being offered employment. They are trained in First Aid/CPR, Medication Administration, Child Abuse recognition and prevention plus receive instructions related to the safety and child development. All Y school age child care sites are licensed through the CT Office of Early Childhood. Many staff members also lead Y youth classes and are Summer Camp leaders.

Y VACATION CLUB and Y FUN CLUB

Children can enjoy planned vacation days or emergency school closing days at the Y, lead by staff members from our school age child care program. They'll be with others they already know and that you trust. (Pre-registration and additional fees may apply).

SUMMER CAMP

We provide a happy, healthy environment for children to learn and grow during the summer months. For families, camp offers a peace of mind knowing that your child is in a safe and enriching place with adults and other children they have met during the school year.





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CONNECT TO THE Y

Join the Y and gain access to all of our full-facility Y Branches, discounted fees for youth programs, swim lessons and camp. Join as a family to participate in family nights, open swims and other events. Don't forget yourself! Adult members receive group exercise classes and more. Connect and get healthier together. Call the Y Branch for more information. Financial Assistance may be available.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The YMCA, in cooperation with the Stratford Board of Education, provides extended-day child care to children in grades K-6 for all Stratford Elementary Schools. Relax knowing that with the Y, your kids get their daily dose of fun. The before school program includes recreational and enrichment activities. Drop off for this program begins at 6:45am. The YMCA provides extended-day child care to children in grades K-6, from dismissal until 5:55pm. The after school program includes a quiet homework time and a variety of recreational activities and games. A healthy snack is provided. This program runs from dismissal until 5:55pm. Multiple child discounts are available. We also offer financial assistance and accept Care4Kids. In the event schools transition into remote learning, our Y Learning Center will become operational. At the Y Learning Center, students will have time for distance learning in quiet spaces equipped with Wi-Fi and with YMCA staff to offer support.

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION/STEPS

A registration packet must be completed and signed to register your child for the School-Age Child Care Program. A \$50.00 non-refundable, non-transferrable family registration fee is required, payments are due on the 20th of the month prior to service, tuition is based on 10 equal payments paid monthly. Step 1: Download or pickup a the registration packet at the Y. Downloadable forms can be found on our website www.stratfordymca.org Step 2: Fill out the registration packet. Step 3: Drop off completed forms at the Y along with your payment. *Children can not attend until all registration paperwork is on file including health forms and any medication and authorizations from the Dr (if applicable).

QUOTES FROM STRATFORD Y PARENTS

"The YMCA has provided my son the place to grow and learn and thrive, and it reduced my stress because I had trust in the YMCA and their amazing staff. I cannot even tell you without tearing up how much of a difference having these programs, especially this year, has meant to my family. "

"I want to start by saying THANK YOU to ALL YMCA Staff for doing such a GREAT job during this COVID-19 pandemic. As you know, my main priority is the safety of my son, and so my concern was how the YMCA was going to manage to keep everyone safe during the pandemic. The YMCA not only managed to keep everyone safe by providing a safe environment and following all of the safety protocols for the kids... for that, I THANK YOU ALL."



2021-2022 CHILD CARE FEES

YMCA Youth Membership Programs	\$29.00 Monthly Y Member	N/A Community Member
Before School	\$225	\$340
After School—3 days	\$230	\$345
After School—5 days	\$295	\$445
Y Fun Club	\$60 a day	\$120 a day
Y Vacation Club	\$55 a day	\$110 a day

