



CAMP BETTER TOGETHER

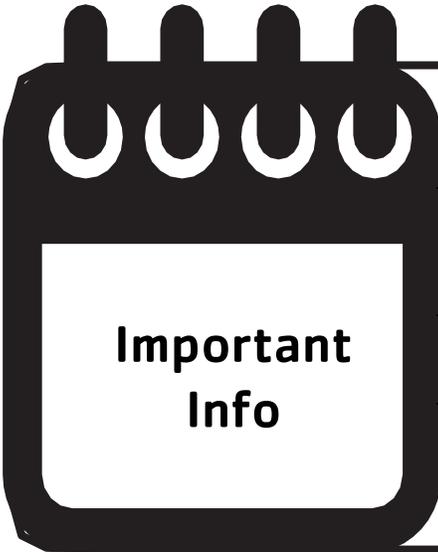
PARENT HANDBOOK 2020

Welcome to Summer 2020 and Camp Better Together!

Although we are surrounded by change, the one thing that remains certain is the YMCA's commitment to providing a summer camp experience like no other. With current guidelines in operation, we know that we can't bring you what you have come to know from Adventure Camp and Y's Kids Enrichment Camp, but rest assured that our staff are working diligently to bring new experiences and ways to engage your child this summer. We have collaborated with community partners to bring educational components to camp; innovated games that encourage physical distancing; and improved our health and hygiene standards to keep all campers, families & counselors safe this summer.

Due to ongoing restrictions, we are disappointed to inform you that our traditional field trips, including swimming at the Y, will not be a part of our schedule this year. However, we hope to bring field trip experiences to us through virtual opportunities. We thrive on being a tech free community, and still do, just know that we may access some of these platforms as a way to engage campers differently this year. Keep in mind that our commitment to physical activity, nature and play is still just as strong.

We hope that you are able to continue to trust the legacy of the Whatcom Family YMCA Camp programs this summer.



Dates:	Camp Begins:	Monday, June 22
Dates:	Camp Ends:	Friday, August 21
		**No Camp offered August 24-28th
Arrival & Drop Off Procedures	Campers must arrive by 9:00 am to have a health screening. Any late arrivals after 9:00 am must be pre-arranged by the Camp Office. Please call 360.255.0585 to make arrangements.	
Breakfast Arrival Time	Please arrive by 8:30 am if your child to participate in breakfast. If not participating, please bring them fed!	
Departure & Pick-up Procedures	All campers must be picked up by 6:00 pm Children picked up after 6:00pm will be subject to a late fee of \$1 per minute after 6:05pm. Chronic late pick-up is grounds for termination of camp registration.	

WHAT TO BRING IN YOUR BACKPACK

- Lunch & Drink (frozen juice boxes work great to keep everything cold) **If not using food program.**
- Full water bottle
- Swimsuit & towel with plastic bag for wet items
- Change of clothing
- Sunscreen (SPF 30, apply the first layer at home)
- Dress in layers, including outerwear
- Closed toe shoes with back strap (improper footwear may limit your child's participation in all activities). Flip Flops not allowed.
- Label all items with your child's first and last name

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Soda & Candy are not allowed
- Cell phones, video or handheld electronic games/devices (ie., MP3 players, Ipods, Ipads, smart watches, etc.)
- Cameras are not allowed.
- Fireworks, matches, or weapons of any kind
- Trading cards (ie., Yu-Gi-Oh, Pokeman, etc.)
- Personal toys, stuffed animals, money or "Heeleys"
- **THE YMCA WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS**
- **NO NUT PRODUCTS!**

CAMP ESSENTIALS

Daily Sign In/Out Procedures

Parents or authorized adults must sign their child in and out of camp each day. Children are not allowed to leave the program unless signed out to a pre-authorized adult.

Each person authorized to sign out will need to be pre-entered into the ePACT profile created and maintained by the registering parent/guardian.

When arriving to pick up or drop off your child, we request that you bring in any additional children you may have with you. Due to the potential dangers of leaving a child unattended in a vehicle, we have been advised to call CPS if we are aware of this practice occurring.

Pick Up Authorization

Only responsible adults (16 or older), authorized by the parent/guardian, are allowed to pick up your child. This is for your child's protection. Staff will question ANYONE with whom they are unfamiliar and check for picture identification. If they do not have proper authorization, they will be denied access to your child. Be sure to complete the Family Info and Emergency Contact sections of your ePACT account completely and notify us of any changes as they apply. If this section is incomplete, this could possibly limit some of our previous ability to be flexible with last minute changes to your child's pick up. Be prepared to show I.D. at staff's request. WE REQUIRE COPIES OF ANY LEGAL DOCUMENTATION CONCERNING ANY RESTRICTIONS REGARDING YOUR CHILD'S PICK UP BY A BIOLOGICAL PARENT / OR LEGAL GUARDIAN BEFORE WE CAN DENY ACCESS. Please see PARENTAL RIGHTS/PARENTING PLANS/COURT ORDERS in this handbook.

Weekly Communication

Weekly notices & communication will allow families to be kept aware of upcoming events and reminders such as theme days, dress up days, and any other pertinent information. This communication will be done primarily via email in addition to onsite communication at the sign in table.

Health & Hygiene

For the safety of all involved, we have incorporated the best recommended practices advised by Y of the USA and the CDC. Please understand and follow all of the following practices:

- All campers, counselors and volunteers will be screened daily upon entry to the program. Screening criteria is determined by our District Nursing staff and local health department. Screening criteria is subject to change at any time.
- Anyone that does not meet screening criteria will be turned away from camp and will follow illness guidelines for returning.
- Families will be asked to stay physically distant from others and wait their turn to have their child checked in and out of camp; please allow extra time during this process.
- All counselors and volunteers will wear masks when they cannot maintain 6 feet of physical distance from any one person.
- All campers, counselors and volunteers will wash & sanitize their hands upon entry to the program
- Continued handwashing and cleaning will be done throughout the day.

Snacks & YMCA HEPA Standards

Summer 2020 we will be collaborating with our school district partners to bring you breakfast, lunch and snack at no cost your family. The Whatcom Family YMCA and the school district partners will strive to meet all HEALTHY EATING AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (HEPA) standards.

If supplemental or alternative snacks are sent from home, we ask they those choices also reflect HEPA standards. Soda, candy, fried foods, gum, juices or any food containing more than 8 grams of sugar per serving are not allowed. Due to potential allergies, we also have a NO PEANUT PRODUCT policy.

Food preferences will be respected and no child will be punished or humiliated for refusing to eat or try certain foods. Please inform the Y upon registration if we need to be aware of any specific cultural practices pertaining to meals. Food allergies must be noted on the ePACT registration form but please also contact the office to ensure collaboration and your child's safety.

Sunscreen

We spend a considerable amount of time outside and it is very important to supply your child with sunscreen. We ask that you apply the first layer on before they arrive to camp and we will continue to reapply throughout the day. Since our groups are separated by age, siblings may not be in the same location so it is important that each child has their own bottle. Also, due to potential allergies we ask that children do not share sunscreen with each other. Many children will bring similar sunscreen, so please put your child's name on the bottle with a sharpie.

Rainy Days

We will be going outside regardless of the weather, please dress your campers appropriately. Please send extra clothing if you are concerned about your child getting wet.

Smoky Days

If we have poor air quality we will do our best to minimize outside exposure, you will need to make other arrangements if you do not want your child outside at all when the air quality becomes poor.

RELATIONSHIPS

Counselors

Staff are the most vital component to a successful summer camp, and we carefully select camp staff that embodies the YMCA values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility. We choose individuals that have the experience, training and ability to positively relate with children, make sound decisions concerning safety and program content and provide a positive role model for children.

The On-Site Camp Director is responsible for the direct operation and leadership at the site. Counselors are responsible for a small group of children, planning and implementing activities, group management and safety. A certified lifeguard supervises all waterfront and/or pool activities.

Age Groups

Our camp programs are intentionally divided into age groups that meet the most developmentally age-appropriate activities and schedules. This allows our camp staff to plan and implement a program that meets your child where they are at.

Y Values

The Y values will be a main focus of the summer programming: Honesty, Caring, Respect, and Responsibility. Some examples of this include:

- **CARING:** Considerate to the needs and feelings of others; rewarding kids for showing compassion towards other campers
- **HONESTY:** Being trustworthy and truthful; encouraging fair play in camp games
- **RESPECT:** Treating others, the environment and yourself with dignity; expecting children to listen to their counselors and leave nature where they found it
- **RESPONSIBILITY:** Accepting accountability for your actions and role in the community; asking children to clean up the camp site, including but not limited to, picking up trash and disposing of it, cleaning up after craft and snack activities

With the careful guidance of our trained staff, campers learn these core values that will last a lifetime.

Tech Free Zone

YMCA Camp Directors recognize that kids need time away from technology to build friendships, explore the outside world, and experience new adventures. Each YMCA Camp is a "Tech-Free Zone" in which we ask campers not to bring cell phones, devices that act as a phone, portable music or video players or video games. This summer, due to the inability to access our traditional field trips, we may participate in online video instruction and/or virtual field trips to support our weekly themes.

ACHIEVEMENT

Our campers will gain new knowledge, skills and abilities that help them realize their passions, talents and potential. Campers will have the chance to choose skill clinics that sound interesting to them. They can try something new or work on refining skills they already have. Our counselors will offer activities they are experienced in. Your camper might come home a musician, artist or a super-star archer!

Quality Control

We invite parents and campers to complete a program evaluation of each camp program. Your input on program quality is vital to the continued improvement of our program. If you ever have a concern or recommendation, please do not hesitate to discuss the issue with the Camping Director, Camping Coordinator, or the Site-Coordinators at each school! All feedback is taken seriously--it is our goal to provide safe, high-quality YMCA programs.

BELONGING

Behavior Expectations

The YMCA expects every camper to be Caring, Honest, Respectful, and Responsible. Staff work closely with children to build relationships that foster trust and mutual respect. A variety of techniques are used to both prevent and correct undesired behavior. These may include role-modeling, redirection, positive reinforcement, accommodations such as changes to the environment, and natural or logical consequences. If the child's behavior is not acceptable and attempts at guidance have been unsuccessful, our procedures are as follows:

When inappropriate behaviors occur we will: redirect behavior, discuss the problem with the child to determine the causes and help find ways to learn from the incident. We will work together with the child and family to resolve the current issue and help avoid future conflicts. The goal of these measures will be to maintain the child's self-esteem and build confidence through learning to handle conflict.

If a child's behavior consistently disrupts the flow of the program, physically or emotionally harms others or otherwise conflicts with the program rules and guidelines, a Level Three Behavior Warning will be issued and a conference will be scheduled with parents. Immediate suspension and/or dismissal may follow.

A Three Level Behavior Warning System will be used to handle ongoing behavior issues.

For the safety of all children, the YMCA reserves the right to suspend and/or dismiss any child who cannot, or does not, adhere to the rules.

Chronic behavior problems or those that jeopardize the safety of any child or staff will lead to an immediate Level Three Behavior Warning and dismissal/suspension from the program. These behaviors include but are not limited to:

- Leaving the established boundaries, unsupervised.
- Lashing out physically or attempting to cause emotional harm.
- Inappropriate language or discussions. (including but not limited to mature topics of conversations)
- Throwing any item that endangers the safety of any child or staff.
- Threatening/Bullying of any kind.
- Any child who, while attending Y's Kids, vandalizes, damages or otherwise destroys YMCA or host site facilities, equipment and/or supplies WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE for making the appropriate repairs and financial amends.
- No one, including parents and/or staff will be allowed to use corporal punishment, humiliation or threats towards campers in our care.

CAMP CODE OF CONDUCT

The YMCA strives to maintain a positive environment for all children in school age programs. All program participants have the right to feel welcome, safe and nurtured. As a result, the Whatcom Family YMCA has established a Code of Conduct to govern the actions and behaviors of all YMCA school age program participants.

PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED TO:

Uphold YMCA core values of RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY and CARING

Be respectful of all by not initiating or participating in derogatory or unwelcome comments, conduct or actions of a sexual nature or actions based on an individual's sex, race, ethnicity, age, religion, sexual orientation or any other legally protected status.

Comply with all adult requests and redirection

Willingly remain in program area within sight and sound supervision.

Follow the group plan

Follow school rules when the program is located on school property

NO TOLERANCE POLICY

We ask for parent and guardian support in maintaining a fun, safe place for both children and Y staff to learn, grow and thrive. Ideally, we want to work with children and families to prevent these behaviors from occurring. Please talk to your child about the importance of not exhibiting the behaviors listed but not limited to the following below:

- Bullying/Harassment of any kind (see specifics below)
- Action deemed physically or verbally aggressive towards Y staff & other participants including spitting and foul language
- Purposely leaving program area without permission
- Hiding anywhere outside of visual and auditory supervision of staff
- Damaging YMCA or SCHOOL property
- Causing or displaying inappropriate exposure
- Rough play (headlocks, tackling, etc. with the intent to harm)
- Deliberately or repeated throwing objects in a manner that could be harmful
- Creating artwork depicting inappropriate images
- Using YMCA technology inappropriately (taking & using YMCA issued electronics & related applications; etc.)
- Drugs, alcohol or weapons of any kind

BULLYING/HARASSMENT

A person is being bullied when they experience repeated exposure to the negative actions of others. Negative actions can include an imbalance of power due to age, physical strength or information that can be used against another person. These negative actions may include but are not limited to:

- Physical (hitting, shoving, grabbing, spitting, tripping, inappropriate hand gestures)
- Verbal (teasing, name-calling, racial or sexual comments or slurs, threatening to cause harm, taunting)
- Social (spreading rumors, shunning or excluding, telling other children not to be friends with someone, embarrassing someone in public)

Failure to follow this code of conduct will result in disciplinary action which may include being sent home early, suspension or removal from the program. The overall integrity and quality of Y programs is of utmost importance and we will take the steps necessary to ensure both.

Due to the wide variety of behaviors that children display, the Y reserves the right to make the decision to suspend or expel a child based on physical or emotional safety of the child, other children in the program and the staff.

PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

To ensure that Y Programs are a positive and healthy atmosphere, this Code of Conduct sets forth conditions that parents/guardians are expected to follow and promote.

In the event that parents/guardians cannot or will not uphold these conditions, those parents could face suspension from programs.

- Parents/Guardians will conduct themselves in a manner that represents the four core values of the Y: caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.
- Parents/Guardians must refrain from foul language at all times, while at a Y program location.
- Parents/Guardians will not show or exhibit derogatory conduct toward any Y staff, participants, or other parents/guardians.
- The misuse of drugs or alcohol at a Y location will be prohibited.
- Parents/Guardians will not be allowed to take pictures/video of other participants or Y Programs.
- Parents/Guardians will comply with requests from staff for Photo ID.

Special Needs, Classroom Aides and Behavioral IEP's

The YMCA summer camps provide a group setting with a ratio that may reach as high as 1 counselor to 15 children. If your child has an ongoing IEP, Individualized Education Plan, for behavior OR has an established Behavior Plan with the YMCA After School Programs, a meeting will be required to establish a plan of care prior to enrollment. If your child participates in a classroom that offers Specialized Instruction during the school year, your child may be required to have a one-on-one aide in summer camp at the family's expense. This allows the opportunity to provide consistency between the classroom and YMCA programs, therefore increasing your child's opportunity for success. The Whatcom Family YMCA will work with families to make a reasonable effort to accommodate the special, physical or emotional needs of your child. This will be done on a case by case basis. All children will need to be able to attend to their own bathroom needs and not wander or deliberately leave the group or designated program area.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

Our camps create a sense of community where kids feel safe, welcome and can express their individuality.

At the Whatcom Family YMCA, we practice three important habits of Child Abuse Prevention:



KNOW



SEE



RESPOND

KNOW, SEE and RESPOND—to create safe spaces where youth can learn, grow and thrive. When we **KNOW** how abuse happens, **SEE** the warning signs and **RESPOND** quickly to prevent it, together we foster a culture of child abuse prevention.

We **KNOW** when we understand the behaviors of those who harm youth and how to stop them. Staff and volunteers who practice the **KNOW** habit:

- Understand the potential risks for abuse that children and teens face, and their role in protecting them at their Y
- Understand how predators operate
- Recognize the importance of proactive engagement when supervising youth
- Interact appropriately and safely with youth at their Y
- Recognize appropriate and inappropriate interactions between adults and youth, and between youth
- Appreciate the difference they make when they practice the Three Habits in Child Abuse Prevention at their Y
- Encourage others to adopt these prevention habits
- Can explain what Know, See and Respond means when asked by a parent or community member

We **SEE** when we can recognize warning signs or behaviors that signal abuse or a risk for abuse. Staff and volunteers who practice the **SEE** habit:

- Interrupt inappropriate interactions between adults and youth, and between youth
- Respect children and teen's emotional, psychological, and physical boundaries—according to the YMCA's policies— and ensure that others also follow the policies
- Notice and help when staff or volunteers need assistance with a child's behavior
- Act when something seems wrong and if they observe others not practicing the prevention habits

We **RESPOND** when we take action to stop behaviors we recognize as being inappropriate or questionable. Staff and volunteers who practice the **RESPOND** habit:

- Act when children or others need help
- Interrupt questionable behavior by a staff member, volunteer or youth
- Notify the appropriate people at their Y when they have a concern
- Can make a report to child protective services and/or police when they suspect child abuse.

For more information

If you have any questions about our Child Abuse Prevention practices or **KNOW, SEE and RESPOND**, please feel free to contact Lynda Purdie, 360-255-0632

SAFETY, HEALTH, EMERGENCY & OTHER POLICY & PROCEDURES

Reporting to DSHS Children's Administration

Whatcom Family YMCA staff are mandated reporters. Anyone who works with children in a professional capacity is required by the Department of Early Learning WAC 170-297-2300 to report suspected child abuse or neglect including but not limited to a child's discussion of attempted suicide. In addition, we have been advised to report children left unattended in a car and a parent or authorized guardian or individual picking up a child from our care while under the influence.

For the Safety of your Family

When you arrive to pick up or drop off your child, we request that you bring in any additional children that may be in the car with you. Due to the potential dangers of leaving children unattended in a vehicle, whether the engine is running or not, we have been advised by the State of Washington to contact Child Protective Services if we are aware of this risk to a child.

Volunteering/Visitation

For the safety of all children enrolled, parent visits of more than 10-15 minutes on a regular basis will require a "volunteer" clearance. All Whatcom Family YMCA volunteers must have a TB Skin Test, a Criminal Background Check with fingerprints and be registered with MERIT at the expense of the volunteer. Volunteers must be determined by Y management to be a positive role model for children and an asset to the program. A volunteer must be willing to donate their time at any location. (Not limited to the site that their child attends.) Volunteering may NOT be used as parental visitation. YMCA Management reserves the right to determine the definition of "volunteering" and "visitation". The After School program is not the appropriate setting for non-custodial parent visitation and is not allowed under any circumstance. If at any time a parent or person authorized to pick up or drop off a child is seen as a disruption to the program, they will be asked to leave and further access to the program or other Y operated facilities may be denied.

Parental Rights/Parenting Plans/Court Orders

The Whatcom Family YMCA supports the right of access to information regarding their child to both legal parents unless the court alters or abolishes those rights. Restraining Orders or Court Orders requiring supervised visits only will limit the parent's access to information. Current documentation of Court orders must be provided to Y administration before any parental rights will be modified by this organization.

Parenting Plans will be considered an arrangement between parents and will not be policed by YMCA staff. Any problems that arise regarding items outlined in the plan will be seen as an issue between the parents and therefore, a family matter. This YMCA maintains the position that our role is to care for the child, not monitor or be involved in disputes or misunderstandings between parents. For example, if a parent comes to pick up a child at a time outside of the time outlined in the Parenting Plan, we will release to that parent. The rights of both parents, including access, will remain equal for both parents named in a Parenting Plan.

All financial information will be provided to both parents unless the courts alter the right to that information, regardless of who registers the child.

Medication

YMCA staff will administer prescription and non-prescription medication with a completed YMCA MEDICATION RELEASE FORM only. All medications need to be clearly labeled by the pharmacy and in the original container. It is the parent's responsibility to make sure that the supply of medication is kept current and handed directly to a staff member. Please make sure you pick up any remaining medication from the staff at the end of the week.

NOTE: We do not transport medication. Separate medication containers and/or EpiPens need to be available at each site, and delivered by the parent. It is the parent's responsibility to keep the YMCA supplied with required medication. Please do not send medication to be delivered by your child. If your child is allergic to bee stings, has food allergies or asthma, a Health Plan from your physician will be required. See Special Medical Needs above

If your child has asthma, diabetes, allergies to bee stings or foods, a Classroom Health Plan will be required. Other medical conditions may apply.

Injuries

If your child is injured while in our care, staff will do the following:

- Minor injuries: Apply first aid and complete an Accident Report.
- More serious injuries: Apply first aid as necessary, attempt to reach parent/guardian or others listed on the Emergency Information Form to discuss further action taken. Complete an Accident Report.

If we cannot reach the parent/guardian, or other designated people and the staff feels the situation warrants it, 911 will be called.

Health & Illness

Sick children should not be brought to camp for their benefit as well as that of the other participants. If a child arrives at camp ill or becomes ill at camp, the parent, or otherwise authorized individual will be contacted immediately to pick up the child within one hour. Concerning COVID-19, we will be following all guidance set forth by the Department of Health and CDC

Please notify your camp director should your child contract a contagious condition or illness (ie. lice, pinkeye, flu, etc.)

Head Lice & Nits

Y's Kids Summer Enrichment Program has a NO NIT POLICY. If head lice/nits are discovered, all children will be screened. Any children with head lice symptoms will be asked to be picked up and are not eligible to return until the child is nit free.

Concussions

Anyone who is showing one or more symptoms of a concussion after a head injury at camp shall be removed from the program at that time and may not return to camp until the participant is evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussions and received written clearance to return from that health care provider. You should also inform your child's camp counselor if you think that your child may have a concussion. Remember that it is better to miss one day of camp than miss the entire week. WHEN IN DOUBT, THE PARTICIPANTS SITS OUT. For more information go to <http://www.ede.gov/concussion/HeadsUP/youth.html>.

Restroom Needs

School Age children are expected to have full bladder and bowel control. "Accidents" will happen and we will do our best to help support your child through those times. However, Y staff will not be able to give one on one attention to individual bathroom needs due to Child Abuse Prevention Policies.

Emergency Procedures

The following procedures will be followed in an emergency situation:

- A staff member will administer First Aid.
- A staff member will notify parent/guardian.
- If transportation to the hospital is necessary, a staff member will accompany the child to the hospital and stay until the parent/guardian or otherwise authorized adult arrives.
- An incident report will be completed and kept on file at the YMCA office.

Disaster Emergency Response

In the case of a natural disaster including earthquake, flooding and severe wind, we understand that parents may not be able to reach the site or communicate with the staff. Be assured the YMCA will do whatever is necessary to look to the safety and well-being of your child. If it is hazardous to remain at the site and there is no danger in transporting, the children may be moved to the YMCA or community facility. The camp will communicate with the YMCA to provide pertinent information regarding camp plans.

Religious Activity

The YMCA is a Christian based organization. When our programs are housed in a school facility, we respect the policies of that school district. When located in a facility other than a public school, we reserve the right to acknowledge religious holidays.

FINANCIAL POLICIES

When you register for camp, you are reserving a position for your child including supplies and staffing; therefore, refunds are not given for vacations or days missed at camp.

<p>Weekly Locations</p> <p>REGISTRATION FEES: \$50 for first child; non-refundable \$25 for each additional sibling</p> <p>DEPOSITS: \$25 non-refundable deposit for each week Each deposit is applied towards weekly rate</p> <p>WEEKLY FEES: \$235/per week AUTO PAYMENT REQUIRED Payments due 2 weeks before camp</p>	<p>Entire Summer Location</p> <p>REGISTRATION FEES: \$50 for first child; non-refundable \$25 for each additional sibling</p> <p>DEPOSITS: \$200 non-refundable deposit (\$35 for 3rd Party Subsidy families) Deposit is applied to August fees (must attend all summer)</p> <p>MONTHLY FEES:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="829 688 1416 940"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>June Due June 15th</th> <th>July Due July 1st</th> <th>Aug Due Aug 1st</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Full Time (5 days/wk)</td> <td>\$308</td> <td>\$1,012</td> <td>\$660</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Part Time (3 days/wk)</td> <td>\$220</td> <td>\$715</td> <td>\$495</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		June Due June 15th	July Due July 1st	Aug Due Aug 1st	Full Time (5 days/wk)	\$308	\$1,012	\$660	Part Time (3 days/wk)	\$220	\$715	\$495
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Open Doors Financial Assistance

Scholarships are available through our Open Doors Program. Applications are available at the Whatcom Family YMCA Business Desk or online at www.whatcomymca.org.

Fundraising

In order to allow all families access to YMCA programs, financial assistance is given to families who qualify. Annually the YMCA conducts a Community Support Campaign to raise money primarily for financial assistance funds. Each year, your Program Director will be asking for members of their program to participate as campaigners. We hope you will consider participating and/or making a donation to help in our goal of building strong kids, strong families, and strong communities. It's a great way to get involved with your YMCA program, to have some fun, and to really make a difference in the life of others. Please contact the After School and Camp Director if you'd like to assist in ongoing efforts, 360-733-8630.