



ActiveNet & School Age Child Care Registration

Please refer to our registration page for all ActiveNet and registration questions.

<https://www.metroymcas.org/main/child-care-registration/>

ActiveNet is now accessible using a laptop, desktop, tablet or smartphone.

3 Day Options

The 3 day option, like our 5 day option, is designed adhere to safety guidelines. In order to maintain proper group sizes and consistency amongst the children in each group, we have designated Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for our part time schedule. **NO EXCEPTIONS** can be made.

Site Placements

The schools and/or Y facilities we will be using for our School Age Child Care program will be based on enrollment numbers. Estimating from the recent district survey results, we anticipate only needing to use 3-4 locations at 60% of our state licensed capacity. For example: you may be zoned for Seth Boyden but attend our Tuscan site for full day care. Additionally, we may have identified Clinton as a site but are over our 60% capacity and a student then can be placed at Tuscan.

Group Pods

Just like camp, during the registration process this year, School Age Child Care families will have the opportunity of creating their own pod by requesting to pair their children with other students in the same grade. These pods can help to keep social distancing consistent, allowing for neighbors and groups of friends to keep the same social distancing protocols both during the time they are with us, as well as when they are home. These pod/friend requests will allow for your child to have a familiar face in their group, facilitate a smooth transition into a new daily schedule, as well as to continue to build strong relationships with their friends, camp companions and teammates. These children do not need to regularly attend the same school in order to put in a pod/friend request. While we cannot guarantee these requests, we will do our best to place your child in the pod that you have requested. All names of those who you are **requesting to be in a pod** with must be on **EACH child's form** at the time of registration. If you have friend requests for a pod but it does not have 10 children, please know that your group will have additional children to make a full group of 10. Reminder, while we cannot guarantee these requests, we will do our best to place your child in the pod that you have requested. Keep in mind, a friend request is not a necessity, as our trained staffs are ready and eager to welcome your child to our child care programs with a smile behind their masks and a day full of learning and specialty programs!

Group Sizes

Children will be organized into groups of no more than 10, unless directed otherwise by licensing or health department. Groups shall include the same children each day, to the greatest extent possible, and, also to the greatest extent possible, the same staff shall be assigned to care for each group, each day.

Hybrid Model

The district has announced that the 100% virtual program will tentatively move to a hybrid model after the first marking period. Once we move to a hybrid model, we will hold another registration that will offer half-day care onsite at the schools and full day options at our Y facilities. Priority will then be given to participants of our current program.

Financial Assistance

The Y is committed to providing care for **all** families who need us. Financial Assistance is available. **Apply now** to ensure your discount is applied prior to the start of the program. For details on our Financial Assistance, go to <https://www.metroymcas.org/main/financial-assistance/> Additional state programs that assist with childcare needs are available. Please contact Program for Parents at 973.297.1114

Capacities

As safety is always our number one priority, we will be opening our sites with all COVID 19 policies and procedures in place, allowing our staff to create an atmosphere that can accommodate distance learning, and enrichment programming. Capacity is limited. As we are able to hire and train additional staff, we will also be able to increase capacity at our sites.

Description of Program Offerings

Full Day Programs

The South Mountain YMCA will provide full day care from 8:00-4:30pm to support SOMA school district's remote learning plan for the first marking period. Students will be organized by grade with an emphasis on supporting the needs of remote/synchronous learning of the school day. We will supplement the work time with enrichment, social emotional learning, daily fun physical activity, healthy snack, and outdoor recreation. Extended care available until 5:30pm for additional fee.

Half-Day Morning Programs

The South Mountain YMCA will provide half day care from 8:00-12:30pm to support SOMA school district's remote learning plan for the first marking period. Students will be organized by grade with an emphasis on supporting the needs of the remote/synchronous learning of the school day. We will supplement work time with enrichment periods that will include STEAM, outdoor physical recreation, arts & enrichment and character development.

Half Day Afternoon Programs

The South Mountain YMCA will provide half-day care from 1:30-5:30pm. Our program will have a strong emphasis on enrichment activities. We will offer programs that will include STEAM, outdoor physical recreation, arts & enrichment and character development.

Virtual Town Hall

We will be hosting a **virtual Q&A session September 9th at 7pm**. This will be a great opportunity to hear from our staff and have your questions answered. Details to follow.