This fall we are excited to offer customizable options to fit your family’s unique needs during the school year. Our program offerings will support students in either A or B Cohort and Virtual Only Learners.
GETTING READY FOR OUR Y ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (YEP)

HOW TO REGISTER

All YEP Registrations will take place on our website by filling out the Google Form that corresponds with your child’s school or chosen location (this is only an option if your child will not be participating in the Cohort Days). There is a $25 non-refundable registration fee. Spaces are held on a first come first serve basis. (Spaces are limited) Registration closes the Wednesday PRIOR TO each week of the YEP.

In order to avoid being responsible for paying YEP tuition for any week your child is not planning to attend, cancellations MUST be made in writing (via email) one full week prior to the week of YEP.

QUESTIONS?
Stowe Family YMCA: 704.822.9622

OUR STAFF

We know we have the best staff in town. Our team is as diverse as our children and is comprised of men and women who are content experts and professionals in their fields. Our staff team is made up of college students, working professionals, and exceptional teens. Our staff undergo extensive training, are background checked and participate in regular risk management drills.

BILLING & PAYMENT

YEP payments are drafted according to the option you select at the time of registration:
• on the 1st of the month
• on the 15th of the month
• weekly on the Friday prior to the start of the week.

BILLING QUESTIONS?
Kelly Davis at kdavis@gastonymca.org

YEP DIRECTORY

Use these lines for any question you have regarding registration prior to your child’s week at YEP.

Front Desk: 704.822.9622
Y Enrichment Program Direct Phone: 704.689.4973
Email: YEP@gastonymca.org

STAY INFORMED

Playerspace: Weekly updates, highlights, and specific weekly YEP details are sent via email through a system called PlayerSpace each Friday afternoon. Please ensure that you register with an accurate, frequently checked email account in order to receive all our important YEP communication. We are as invested as you are in ensuring you get all the details you need to make your week run smoothly. If you are not receiving emails, please check your spam or junk filter and then make “playerspace” an approved sender.

Follow us on FB, Insta for special highlights.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Participants will engage in the following activities each week:

OUTDOOR FIELD SPORTS
Slingshots & Archery

ENRICHMENT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES
STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, & math) skills as well as HEPA (Healthy Eating & Physical Activity).

TEAM BUILDING EXPERIENCES:
Participants will learn how to work together while being involved in activities such as water balloon games and scavenger hunts.

DEVOTIONS:
We set aside a time for participants to learn how to incorporate character traits in their daily routine. The YMCA strongly encourages our participants to be an example to others by showing traits such as responsibility.

FACILITATED VIRTUAL LEARNING:
Participants will have dedicated time each day to accomplish their Virtual Learning. Counselors will spend this time encouraging, problem solving, and reading with the children to accomplish their work. (Ratios of 1:10)
Y ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

THE Y ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (YEP)
The daily YEP schedule combines elements of our traditional Afterschool program and the traditional school day while also including exciting parts of Our Afterschool program. Throughout the week children will get the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities including physical education, STEAM activities, facilitated virtual learning, art, and more.

GROUP HUDDLES
Children will be divided into huddles based on age group. Each huddle will be subdivided into a “squad” which is a small group of 10 or less. This squad will be their Afterschool family, and will be staffed by a consistent team of counselors for the entirety of their time in YEP. Your welcome emails will indicate what huddle and squad your child has been assigned to.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS
COVID 19 has changed many of our regular processes. Please pay careful attention to the information being emailed to you, the information in this guide, and the parent handbook.

Label everything that comes to YEP with your child, do not pack “extras” and ensure that your child has a clearly marked backpack every day for YEP that he or she knows how to keep up with. It will be very important that they understand the importance of keeping up with their personal items like water bottles, lunch boxes, Chromebooks, any needed learning materials, and face masks. We are unable to keep children’s items and therefore will NOT have a Lost and Found. Children’s items that have been left behind are required to be disposed of.

DAILY OVERVIEW

OFFERED FOR GRADES
Rising K - 8th (ages 5–14 years)

YEP LOCATION:
Stowe Family YMCA, 196 YMCA Drive
Belmont, NC 28012

PRICING OPTIONS:
Cohort A (M/T) or Cohort B (Th/Fr)
“Traditional Afterschool Hours”
Member: $30
Program Participant: $40

1 day/week Full Day
Member: $35
Non-Member: $45

2 consistent days/week Full Day
Member: $70
Non-Member: $90

3 consistent days/week Full Day
Member: $105
Non-Member: $135

5 day/week (M-F) Full Day
Member: $160
Non-Member: $200

RIDES IN
7:00-9:00AM

RIDES OUT:
4:00PM-6:00PM

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES
9:00AM - 4:00PM

EARLY PICK UP:
Available until 3:45pm. No pick up between 3:45 and 4:00pm

WHAT TO PACK
Participants must always pack their Chrombooks, needed learning materials, refillable water bottle, lunch and two snacks should be sent daily. Breakfast and lunch is provided by Gaston County Schools.
IMPORTANT COVID-19 REMINDERS

Please be aware that the impact of COVID-19 has necessitated some procedural changes to our normal Afterschool operations. In the interest of public health, and the expectations of safety placed on us in this unprecedented time, there will be zero tolerance for push-back on these procedures. Doing so will result in dismissal from our program. Please see our handbook online for additional details.

1 - VISITING A PROGRAM:
While it has always been our policy to have an "open door" policy with our parents and our programs, parents can no longer come into our program areas. If you are dropping off your child, or picking up your child, we will meet you at your car. Do not plan to come into our facility, or to interact with the participants in any way. If you have to drop off your child late, or pick up early, you must call the direct YEP line to make arrangements for someone to meet you. Please allow an additional 15 - 20 minutes during these times.

2 - LOST AND FOUND:
We are no longer allowed to store participant’s personal belongings if they get left behind. Please make sure your child has a backpack to easily hold all his or her items, and do not pack any extra items beyond what is included on a "what to bring" list.

3 - FACE MASKS:
Participants and staff are all required to wear face masks while in indoor spaces. (We know that COVID-19 primarily spreads through prolonged exposure to multiple people in indoor areas, and everyone in our programs is required to wear an approved face covering. Face masks have been proven to cut down dramatically on the potential of contamination via an asymptomatic person.) They are expected to bring it and wear it daily.

YEP DAILY SCHEDULE

At our Y Enrichment Program we focus on three key components; achievement, belonging, and relationships. These important aspects of YEP are thoughtfully considered when planning each activity in the weekly schedule. Please see below for an overall structure of your child’s day each week. A more detailed schedule will come to you via Playerspace each week.

RIDES IN: 7:00AM - 9:00AM
Participants should be dropped off at the indicated spot at the round-about in front of the Stowe Family YMCA. (Please refer to the Rides In and Out maps on the website and/or in your weekly Welcome email.) A staff member will meet them there to check their temperature (must be under 100.4 for the child to stay), assist them from the car and walk them to their small-group huddle. Participants may not be dropped off prior to 7:00am and must be met by a staff before they can get out of the car.

**Late check in: Parents must call 704-689-4222 and make contact with the YEP front office so that arrangements can be made to meet your child. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, parents may not walk their child into the building.**

YEP DAY: 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Each group will rotate through a variety of indoor and outdoor activity stations that have been specifically planned and programmed.

HUDDLE TIME: 3:30PM - 4:00PM
This time of the day is the time we use to reflect on the day and celebrate our accomplishments. This is an important time of the day, and we discourage picking up during this time-frame.

RIDES OUT: 4:00PM - 6:00PM
Participant pick up will also be at the round-about in front of the Warlick Family YMCA. (**Please note that there will be no pick up between 3:45pm and 4:00pm in order for us to transition fully into our “Rides Out” process.) Once you arrive, a staff member will verify the authorized pick up information, call for your child, and escort him or her to the car. Be prepared to provide a code word or a photo id during this process.