

Our Y is for Youth Development. We are committed to nurturing the potential of every child.

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CHILD WATCH HOURS

M-Sat 8am-12pm

M-Th 4pm-8pm

F 5pm-7pm

Sun 9am-12pm

KIDS IN ACTION HOURS

Tues*/Thurs 5pm-7pm

Sat 9am-12pm

***Tuesday Nights are Game Nights in Kids in Action! Lifesize Connect Four, Yard Jenga, Ladder Ball, Corn Hole, and more will be set up in our Alden Program Room for 6-12-year-olds. Drop in and check it out**

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SAFE AND CONVENIENT PLAY SPACE FOR YOUR CHILD

FREE CHILD WATCH AND KIDS IN ACTION OFFERINGS FOR FAMILY-TYPE MEMBERSHIPS



FAQs

What do I do when I arrive?

Complete all information required on the sign in sheet.

Can I bring snacks for my child?

No food is allowed in Child Watch or Kids in Action. You can bring drinks or bottles for infants.

How often can I use this benefit?

Members are allowed access to Child Watch for up to two hours every day.

What membership types have this benefit?

Family memberships and Adult plus child memberships have free access to this benefit, all others must purchase a day pass.

Can I purchase a day pass for Child Watch?

Absolutely!

What if my child is not potty trained?

We do not change diapers in Child Watch or assist with toileting, however, we will find the parent if the need arises. If your child has an accident in Child Watch they cannot stay with soiled clothing.

What are your policies around sickness?

Children who are out of school due to illness should not be in Child Watch or Kids in Action. Please follow current COVID protocol.

Can parents come in to Child Watch?

Of course. We do ask that you wait for staff to let you in. Child Safety is our top priority and we would like to ensure that we are controlling access to the space. We also ask that you only come into the space to assist a child and not to "hang out" with them.

FAQs (cont.)

How do you handle behavior issues?

We are an inclusive program and look to nurture the potential in every child. If a child's behaviors are impacting other children or staff we will get the parent to remove the child for the day. After 3 of these incidents we will ask the child to take a break from Child Watch for a week. If the behavior continues the family will meet with branch leadership.

Can I bring toys and activities from home for my child to use while in Child Watch?

We ask that you refrain from this.

Should we wear shoes or stocking feet?

Please leave coats and bags in cubbies in the hallway and keep your shoes on :)



What do children do in Child Watch and Kids in Action?

Child Watch:

- Caring staff will engage with your children as they learn, grow, and thrive in our Child Watch setting. Our dedicated staff team will facilitate friendships and will build relationships themselves with your child.
- Imaginative play in our toy room with building blocks, models, books, action figures, and play sets for all ages.
- Embrace their artistic side in our arts and crafts area with painting, coloring, drawing, and structured crafts led by staff.
- Burn off some energy in our Kids Gym through active play, climbing, sliding, hopscotch, and jumping in our bouncy house.

Kids in Action:

- Older children (6-12) can have their own space away from the littles during kids in action time!
- Responsible staff create age appropriate activities for school-aged children to participate in.
- Tuesdays are Back Yard Game Nights, our Program Room is converted to a backyard with fun games for all.