



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

BUILDING STRONGER FUTURES



PRYME TYME AND SCHOOL'S OUT CAMP
PARENT HANDBOOK



YMCA Mission: "To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all."

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Brad Akins YMCA Pryme Tyme program and thank you for allowing us to enrich your child's school year. Our goal is to provide a safe, quality environment for families in our community so that their children may have the best after-school experience possible. We strive to help your child make lasting memories and friendships, while having a positive experience.

We take steps towards success with our program by staffing our after-school program with well-trained and caring staff, who enjoy working with children. Here at the YMCA, we highly encourage parents to communicate with us. Strong communication between staff and parents is essential in running a successful program. Please feel free at any time to let us know of any questions, comments, or concerns you may have about our program and we will be more than happy to assist you.

Please take the time to read over our handbook with your child, so they also can know what is expected and what to expect during after-school. This will also give you the chance to become familiar with our policies and procedures, and give you information about payments, and other important information about after-school or school's out camps.

Here at the Brad Akins YMCA, we thank you for allowing us to spend the school year with your child.

Sincerely,

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DATES

August 1, 2024 - May 21, 2025

HOUR OF OPERATION

2:30 PM - 6:30 PM

PRICES

MEMBERS: \$65/week

NON-MEMBERS: \$85/week

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (SCHOLARSHIPS)

We want every child to be able to experience the fun and excitement of YMCA Pryme Tyme Programs. For this reason, we have a number of scholarships available for families who need help paying for their sessions. Interested applicants can find information and request forms at the YMCA front desk.

The YMCA offers financial assistance to those who qualify. Applications must be completed and turned in 2 weeks before your child begins the program. Online registration is available for scholarship applicants. If your program fees were not adjusted to your scholarship amount, please email our office.

CAPS PARTICIPANTS

We work with GA DECAL to ensure that children who receive CAPS assistance can attend our YMCA Pryme Tyme Program. Families MUST have current certificates with the Brad Akins YMCA named as the childcare provider. If families do not have the certificates in place at the time of registration, they are responsible for payment until the certificates are active. The YMCA does not refund back-dated payments. Rate Sheets are provided by the YMCA to ensure correct rates for your certificates. To request a Rate Sheet, please contact our Camp Director at todd@gapiedmontymca.org or our Camp Coordinator at kathryn@gapiedmontymca.org

REGISTRATION, ADMISSION, IMMUNIZATIONS

Pre-registration is strongly recommended. As we have a limited number of spaces, our enrollment is taken on a first come, first serve basis. No child will ever be refused admittance to the program due to race, religion or gender. Please allow a 24-hour process for registration. Children are not allowed to attend on the same day of registration. If your child has any special needs/requirements, please contact the Program Director to discuss prior to registration.

All immunizations must be current. You must provide Form 3231 prior to your child attending after-school.

ENABLE YOUR ACCOUNT ONLINE

If you enable your account online, you can:

- Register for programs such as School's Out Camps, Fall and Spring Break Camps, etc.
- Pay balances
- Print year-end tax forms
- Make changes to your Authorized Pick-up List

To enable your account online, please follow these steps:

- Go to www.gapiedmontymca.org
- Go to the Programs tab at the top, then choose Pryme Tyme
- Choose Brad Akins Branch – Winder, GA
- Under 'Online Access to Your Account' - click on [CLICK HERE](#)
- In the box to the right, Click the blue button labeled Find Account
- Enter your (parent) information
- Login to your account
- Verify Account

AUTHORIZED PICK-UP

During the registration process, you are asked to provide information regarding those who you give permission to pick-up your child in the event you are unable to. Please provide all of the information on the registration form. This is a requirement for our licensing.

Should you need to add or drop someone off of the pick-up list, please contact our Program Director by email. We also encourage you to enable your account online and make changes to the pick-up list.

AGE EXCEPTIONS

Participants must be between 5-13 years old, and have started kindergarten. Due to our licensing requirements, there will be no age exceptions. Programs are designed with curriculum and programming for participants of a certain age.

WAITING LIST

When a bus route fills to capacity, new registrations will be placed on a waiting list until a place becomes available. You will be contacted if a spot becomes available 3-5 days prior to the session start.

PAYMENT POLICIES

You are financially responsible for every week of Pryme Tyme, from the time your child enrolls until the school year ends or you turn in a withdrawal form. This means you will be required to pay for every week your child is enrolled, regardless of how many days you use the program. Each child is allotted two weeks of family vacation free of charge (see Vacation Requests). Weekly fees are required to be drafted. When you register online, the draft will automatically be set up for you. Fees will be drafted the Friday prior to the week of service.

If your payment is rejected, you will receive a \$30 return payment fee, and you must pay your balance by Monday at 12pm (before the session begins). If the balance is not paid prior to 12pm on Monday, a \$10.00 late fee will be added to your account. You will receive a reminder email if you begin a week without payment, and a collection letter if you get more than two weeks behind. Failure to make a payment plan at this time will result in the loss of your Pryme Tyme spot, and you will not be able to register for any future childcare programs until the balance is paid.

CUSTOMIZED PAYMENT PLANS

If you choose to opt out of the pre-scheduled weekly draft payment process, you must meet with our Program Director to schedule a draft suited to your needs. All payments are due prior to the weeks of service. Families that require split payments between two different payment methods will need to discuss this with our Camp Director.

To create a customized payment plan, contact the Program Director at todd@gapiedmontymca.org.

CHANGES IN PREFERRED PAYMENT METHOD

Should you need to make changes in your payment method, this can be done online. You must, however, contact the Pryme Tyme Program office by email to make it your preferred method.

VACATION REQUESTS & PRYME TYME ABSENCES

Each child is allotted two weeks of family vacation time for use when school is in session. Please fill out a vacation request form and turn it in before your vacation begins to avoid being charged for those weeks your child does not attend.

If your child attends Pryme Tyme at the YMCA and is absent from school (or removed early) for any reason, please notify the YMCA by 1pm, so that we can remove your child from the bus list.

PRORATING WEEKS

We believe that a true after-school experience is a weeklong experience. For this reason, we do not prorate the weekly rates.

GENERAL WITHDRAWAL AND REFUND POLICY

- Withdrawal before the draft date you will not be charged.
- Withdrawal after the draft, no credits or refunds will be given.
- All cancellations must be made in writing and turned in to the YMCA Front Desk, or email the Program Director prior to the week of service.
- No refunds or credits will be given for any time that a child was registered and did not attend.

TRANSPORTATION

- Transportation is provided from several area schools to the YMCA Pryme Tyme site (50 Brad Akins Drive, Winder, GA 30680) – please see the website for a complete list. When a bus route fills to capacity, new registrations will be placed on a waiting list until a place becomes available.
- Rules regarding bus behavior are clearly indicated in the rules section of this handbook. Violation of these rules may jeopardize the safety of other students and can result in serious consequences.

PRYME TYME PICK-UP PROCEDURES

- When picking your child up at the YMCA, please pull up to the curb near the back door and wait for a staff member to bring you the sign out sheet. If it is raining, or there is no staff member in the parking lot, please park and come inside.
- You must sign your child out every time you pick them up from Pryme Tyme. You will be asked to sign your child out on our tablet. Be prepared to show proper identification to our staff members. We sometimes have new or different staff members handling sign-out, so please do not be offended if we ask for identification. There are a lot of names and faces to remember, and we are incredibly careful when it comes to your child's safety.

TRANSPORTATION FROM PRYME TYME TO OTHER PROGRAMS

- If your child is participating in another program at the YMCA that occurs during Pryme Tyme hours, we will take your child to the program, as well as pick the child up and bring them back to after-school, if the program is over by 6:30.
- If this is a service you need, please notify the Program Director or Program Coordinator.
- If you are picking your child up from another program, you must still sign your child out from the Pryme Tyme program.

LATE PICK-UP

Failure to make arrangements to pick up your child(ren) by 6:30 p.m. will result in a late fee charge. The late fee is \$5.00 for the first 10 minutes and \$1.00 for each minute thereafter. Late fees must be paid at the time of pick-up – children with unpaid late fees will not be allowed to return to the program until it is paid.

Note: When a child is not picked up in situations including, but not limited to: sickness, behavioral issues, inclement weather, or natural disasters, we will follow the above "late pick-up" policy starting 45 minutes from when the parent has been informed of the need for campers to be picked-up.

MISSION STATEMENT

To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Our cause is for youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Our after-school program, as being part of the YMCA, reflects these values and is designed for our participants to grow physically, mentally and spiritually within a safe, fun environment. Our staff are trained to act as an aid as they lead your child through challenging activities that will help them grow developmentally.

All YMCA programs are designed to meet the following goals that are established for these three causes.

Each Participant will:

- Have Fun!
- Grow personally
- Learn values
- Improve personal and family relationships
- Appreciate diversity
- Become better leaders and supporters
- Develop specific skills and assets

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

At the YMCA, character development and values are a part of who we are. At our YMCA, that means more than just activities. We believe character development is an important challenge for all of us—staff, volunteers, members, participants and parents—to accept and demonstrate the positive values of faith, caring, respect, honesty and responsibility.

ILLNESS POLICY

If your child does not feel well, please do not send them to the YMCA. While it may interfere with your plans for the day, it is unfair to pass the sickness along to the other program participants. We will not transport sick children from school to the YMCA. Please note when your child has a fever (fever 100.4) or vomiting/diarrhea, please make sure they remain at home 24 hours after their temperature and symptoms return to normal. We may require a physician's release for any medical or health issues. Your child will not be allowed to attend our program if he/she has:

- Conjunctivitis (pink eye)
- A chronic runny nose with colored discharge
- A chronic cough
- A fever, or knowledge that child has had a fever in the past 24 hours
- An open rash
- Show evidence of lice, scabies or other parasitic infections
- Vomiting/upset stomach
- Diarrhea

If your child falls ill during after-school or school's out camp, we will separate him/her and notify you immediately. If you cannot be reached, we will call the emergency contacts listed on your form. You or one of your emergency contacts will need to pick the child up from our program. We will follow the Late Pick Up Policy from the previous section. When your child is sent home due to illness, they may not return the next day.

ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY POLICIES & PROCEDURES

At all times, we have staff onsite who are trained in First Aid and CPR. All precautions will be taken to prevent serious health risks to all participants. In the event that a minor injury occurs, First Aid will be administered at the camp location by the camp staff. The following procedures will be followed:

- First Aid will be provided and the incident recorded in the camp Incident Report
- The child will be periodically observed after the First Aid has been applied

In case of an emergency, staff will call Emergency Services and the Camp Director will notify parents or emergency contacts. If parents or other responsible adults are unable to be reached, the child will be taken to the nearest hospital for any necessary treatment. If a participant needs to be transported to the hospital and a parent has not arrived, a staff member will accompany the child with all necessary registration and medical release forms. Please make sure to keep these forms updated at all times. The YMCA does not incur the cost of medical treatment and it is imperative that you indicate all allergies or special needs your child has concerning medical treatment.

EMERGENCY OR INCLEMENT WEATHER

The YMCA Pryme Tyme program has a disaster/emergency plan. In the event of a disaster/emergency the YMCA Program Administrators will follow our current policies and plans that are in place. We ask that parents wait to be notified before trying to call camps, as the staff need to focus on the safety of the children and any weather emergency. In the case that our location is compromised significantly and deemed dangerous, we may transport participants to an alternate location until we feel it is safe to return.

LOSS OF POWER/WATER

From time to time, the center may experience a power or water outage that causes the level of care in the center to be diminished for a period of time. Should this occur during normal program hours, we will evaluate the situation and make a call for an emergency closing if necessary.

If at any time the facility is without electricity or water for more than 1 hour, the decision will be made to close for the remainder of the program day.

CHILDREN AT RISK

Parents who arrive at the YMCA in an incapacitated condition (i.e. alcohol, drugs) present a risk to their child. The staff in charge will advise the parent of their options regarding the transportation of their child to his/her home.

Some options that may be used are:

- Call the other parent
- Call another person on the child's emergency contact list
- Call a taxi/Uber
- Call a neighbor/friend

If a reasonable conclusion cannot be reached, the parent will be advised that either Child Protective Services or the Police will be called.

LICENSING

The YMCA of Georgia's Piedmont, Brad Akins Branch follows the standards for licensed centers by Bright from the Start, a state of Georgia licensing program. In order to obtain full compliance of these standards, parents must complete each enrollment form in its entirety and as necessary, update the information throughout the summer. It is your responsibility to keep your child's records up to date.

CHILD ABUSE POLICY

By law, all agencies that provide programming for children are required to report questionable bruises or marks that are repetitive or obvious to the staff. Likewise, should a child indicate to a staff member that abuse (physical, mental or sexual) is happening to them, it is our obligation to report the discussion to the proper authorities. Know that if we file such a report, it has been done with much consideration on the part of our staff and with the child's best interest in mind.

STAFF TRAINING & QUALIFICATIONS

All camp staff receive many hours of training prior to and during the school year. Our comprehensive training and development program includes behavior management, conflict resolution, planning age appropriate activities and risk management. In addition to learning all the policies and procedures of the YMCA Pryme Tyme program, they also learn the licensing policies of Bright from the Start and Quality Rated program. They explore techniques of how to better interact with children, build others self-esteem and confidence, and become experts in activities, games and craft projects.

PARTICIPANT RATIO

We work to maintain a 1:19 ratio in all our age groups.

SPECIAL NEEDS/INCLUSION

YMCA Child Care Classes make every effort to accommodate children with special needs and welcome them into our classrooms. The YMCA will do everything possible to make our center accommodating to all children. Determining our ability to provide services will be done on a case by case basis. The YMCA reserves the right to request IEP's and other documentation for review to determine our ability to provide required services. While our teachers have extensive training, we currently do not employ anyone who is certified in Special Education. We recognize that there are some medical treatments, special needs and procedures that legally the YMCA staff is not trained for or qualified to perform. While every attempt will be made to accommodate all children, the YMCA may not be able to provide service for children if it has been determined that their needs are unable to be met.

BATHROOM PROCEDURES

No participant is ever alone or is ever alone with a staff member. All participants will take trips to the bathroom with the entire group or a smaller group escorted by a staff member. Participants will only use bathrooms inspected for safety by our program staff. Our staff will also direct children to specific stalls to help ensure no two children are in the same stall.

COMMUNICATING WITH YMCA STAFF

If at any time throughout the day you need to reach us, you can call us at 770-868-2917. For any comments, questions, or concerns that are not time sensitive, you can reach us by email at todd@gapiedmontymca.org. Exchange of information between parents and staff provides insights for both parties. The format may be formal or informal. It is vital that you inform us of changes happening in your family. Changes at home include moving, hospitalization of a sibling or parent, altercations in the parent relationship, custody situations, etc. These influence the way in which your child relates to others. Staff members can better provide for a child's needs if they are aware of the situation. We will keep this information confidential and only use it to better provide for your child.

CONTACTING YOUR CHILD DURING AFTERSCHOOL

Please do not call to speak to your child unless it is an emergency. If your child is experiencing problems, we will call you immediately. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Program Director at any time. Participants are not allowed to have cell phones or any other electronic device at our camp.

REMINDE 101 TEXT MESSAGE ALERTS

We encourage all parents/guardians to sign up for Remind 101 text alerts, so that you may be informed of any upcoming events or changes to our programs. To sign up, text **@prymetyme** to **81010**. Message and data rates may apply.

WHAT TO BRING TO AFTER-SCHOOL/SCHOOL'S OUT CAMPS

Each day your child will need to make sure that they have the following items with them, in order to make sure they are ready for the day. Please make sure all items are labeled with your child's name.

- Back pack
- Water Bottle
- Closed toed shoes to wear
- Towel (swim day)
- Swimsuit (swim day)
- Flip Flops (for pool only)

ELECTRONICS POLICY

We will provide tablets and/or Chromebooks for YMCA activities that require the use of these types of devices. Because we are not able to adequately supervise the use of social media apps, texting apps, etc., we do not allow the use of personal mobile phones, smart watches, tablets, gaming consoles, etc. If mobile phones or other electronics come to the program, they will be collected and placed in the office until pick up. **The YMCA is not responsible for lost or broken items.**

NUTRITIONAL MEALS

Children will receive a meal and snack daily. All meals follow USDA Food Program guidelines. If you would like to send a snack with your child, please send healthy options. We do not allow snacks such as chips, cookies, candy, sodas, etc.

Our program is a NUT FREE ZONE. We ask that you do not provide food that contains peanuts, peanut butter or other nuts to ensure the health and safety of all the children in our camp.

Meals and snacks are served by our program staff which have been trained in proper food handling procedures. Please note no additional meals will be served after the times listed.

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| After-school Meal Times: | School's Out Camp Meal Times: |
| • Dinner: 2:30-4 pm | • Lunch: 11:30-1 pm |
| • Snack: 5-6 pm | • Snack: 3-5 pm |

MEDICATIONS

Our medication policy is primarily established to accommodate the administration of medication(s) commonly prescribed by physicians for the treatment of short-term illnesses. Prescription and "over-the-counter" medications will not be dispensed without written consent from the child's parent.

- Complete the medication authorization form available on the website
- Keep all medication in the original container with the prescription label/directions attached.
- Medication must be labeled with the child's name, the name of the medication, the dosage amount, and the time/times to be given.
- Hand all medication (including inhalers etc.) to the camp counselor. Participants are not allowed to keep medications on their person, in their backpacks or lunch bags. Each group has a backpack that the counselor carries that houses all emergency medications such as inhalers and epipens.
- All medications will be given to your child at the prescribed time and logged into our medication notebook.

SWIMMING

Please send your child to the program with a swimsuit and towel EVERY DAY, along with their drawstring swim bag for their wet swimsuits. Although you will be provided with your child's swim schedule, sending your child daily with their swim gear allows for them to participate in any activities in case of a schedule change.

SWIM TEST

Children will have a swim test at the beginning of the program or on their first time going to the pool. The swim test consists of them swimming one length of the pool from 3ft to 6ft without touching the bottom of the pool. Successful completion earns them a green band (swimmer), meaning they are allowed to swim in the deep end of the pool. If they are unable to swim all the way across, they will receive a yellow band (non-swimmer) which restricts them to the 3 ft and 4 ft area of the pool. Any child who wears a life jacket is restricted to the 3ft area. No exceptions!

PRYME TYME BEHAVIOR POLICIES

Our YMCA Pryme Tyme program strives to meet the needs of all of our children without ignoring the demands of any one individual within the boundaries of set guidelines and rules. The YMCA Pryme Tyme program has established rules consequences and a zero tolerance policy for specific behaviors.

YMCA RULES

- Have Fun!
- Be Respectful to yourself, others, and YMCA property
- Be Caring - Treat others with kindness.
- Be Honest - Be yourself and build positive relationships.
- Show Faith - Give grace should others hurt you.
- Be Responsible - Take care of all things and yourself.

YMCA CONSEQUENCES

- Verbal Warning
- Redirection to another activity
- Time away without activities
- Parent notification at pick-up time
- Meeting with parent and behavior contract created
- Notice of Suspension (1 Day), next day of care/without refund
- Notice of Suspension (3 Day), next 3 days of care/without refund
- Conference with Program Director/Parent/Participant
- Removal from program

Due to the seriousness of behavior any step can be taken at any time.

BUS GUIDELINES

- Always stay in your seat and face forward.
- Keep all body parts inside the vehicle.
- Keep your voice low – you may talk at a reasonable level, but there should be no shouting.
- Keep your hands to yourself.
- Listen to the driver and staff members and follow their directions.
- Absolutely no talking at railroad crossings.
- Use appropriate language.

Should your child have to be escorted to the bus by school staff due to bad behavior, we will not transport them to the YMCA. This is to ensure the safety of all children on the bus. This will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

ZERO TOLERANCE

- Inflicting physical harm on another individual.
- Verbal threat that may cause physical harm to another individual.
- Verbal threat that may destroy property.
- Possession of a weapon, controlled substance or alcohol.
- Use of foul language.
- Inappropriate touching of another individual.
- Participant does not stay within the boundaries of the camp (runs out of program).
- Not following the rules of the Adult Code of Conduct.

The YMCA reserves the right to suspend or expel a child immediately following the violation of the Zero Tolerance guideline without refund.

ADULT CODE OF CONDUCT

The following guidelines have been created to meet the standards, policies and procedures of the YMCA, minimum standards for child care centers. All YMCA staff and volunteers are knowledgeable of these standards, policies and procedures.

- People whose behavior and/or health status pose an immediate threat or danger to the health and safety of the program participants must not be present when participants are in care.
 - Do not confront any child or staff in a threatening manner.
 - Using profanity in the presence of a child is prohibited and against the law.
 - Report concerns to the Program Director.
 - In the event of threatening behavior towards a YMCA staff member or child, 911 will be called.
- Consumption and/or possession of alcohol in any form are strictly prohibited by the YMCA.
- People must not smoke, use tobacco products, E-Cigs, or Vape Pens on YMCA property

School's Out Camps

On most days when school is out in Barrow County, we will offer child care (School's Out Camp) at the YMCA.

Hours of Operation:

7:00am-6:30pm

Registration/Payment:

- All registration is available online, and electronically at our Front Desk.
- You will be required to make a deposit of \$10/day and \$40/week at the time of registration.
- Deposits are not refundable.
- The remainder of the balance will be drafted from your account based on the draft date in the table below.

CAPS PARTICIPANTS

- CAPS participants must register at the front desk.
- If you have filled out a Pryme Tyme Registration Form or a School's Out Camp Registration Form for the 2024-2025 school year, you will only need to fill out the Camp Selection Sheet.
- The waiver for the Pryme Tyme Program also covers the School's Out Camp Program.

Camp Fees and Schedule

Daily Rate: \$30/members \$50/non-members

Weekly Rate: \$130/members \$155/non-members

Camp Dates Available	Draft Dates	Rates Available	Available for Registration
Aug. 30	Aug. 23	Daily	Aug. 9 @ 5AM
Oct. 7-11	Oct. 2	Weekly	Aug. 9 @ 5AM
Nov. 4, 5	Nov. 1	Daily	Aug. 9 @ 5AM
Nov. 25, 26, 27	Nov. 20	Daily	Aug. 9 @ 5AM
Dec. 23, 27, 30	Dec. 18	Daily	Nov. 22 @ 5AM
Jan. 2, 3	Dec. 18	Daily	Nov. 22 @ 5AM
Jan. 20	Jan. 10	Daily	Nov. 22 @ 5AM
Feb. 14, 17	Feb. 7	Daily	Jan. 17 @ 5AM
March 14, 17	March 7	Daily	Jan. 17 @ 5AM
April 7-11	April 2	Weekly	Jan. 17 @ 5AM

Drop Off/Pick Up

- Back door will be open 7:00-9:00am and 3:30-6:30pm.
- If you arrive between 9:00am - 3:30pm, please ring the doorbell and a staff person will meet you at the door.
- Do not drive off until your child is checked in.
- Please have your ID ready when you arrive to pick up your child.

Items parents provide:

- Parents will need to provide a water bottle, swimsuit and towel for their child.
- Should your child decide to bring their own lunch, we can not refrigerate or heat it due to our licensing regulations.
- We ask that you do not provide food that contains peanuts, peanut butter or other nuts to ensure the health and safety of all the children in our camp.