

Free After School Youth Program Fall/Winter 2020

For school-age children 5-18

Monday – Thursday 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m, Friday 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Cooper, Jennings, and Weisser Youth Centers and McMillen Community Center

Following the social distancing guidelines set forth by the CDC, there will be some changes in the operations of the youth program for the safety of our youth, their families, and our staff.

For your safety, upon entering the facility all students:

- Must have previously registered for the program including signing a waiver regarding Covid 19.
- Must have temperature taken 1st thing upon entering building.
- Must practice social distancing (6ft apart).
- Must wear a mask. **

** **NOTE:** Masks may be removed during any physical recreation but please continue to practice social distancing.

FREE FUN FOR EVERYONE!

Program offerings include:

Kid's Café, - Nutritious balanced meal cooked on site (in partnership with Community Harvest Food Bank),

STEAM (Science, technology, engineering, art and math),

Community Youth Fit (CYF) (variety of staff led interactive youth appropriate fitness exercises, challenges and games.

Food For Thought (Youth will learn to prepare simple snacks and think about food and nutrition with a different appetite)

Character Building (Youth will go through a variety of topics dealing with trust, respect, responsibility, self- image, behavior and many more including doing community service projects to show/grow care and citizenship. They will build character and leadership skills.

Show Time- Youth will have the opportunity to do self-expression activities, via dance, instruments, writing, singing etc.

Game & Recreation Time- Youth will learn rules to various games and have the opportunity to show what they have learned as well as teach games they know.

Virtual Programs- Onsite youth will have virtual time with youth from other sites and youth from different cities and states as we combine onsite and virtual programs for some fun interactive “watch and learn” programming, Field trips, games and more.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

When a Child Becomes Ill:

If a child becomes ill, staff will contact the parent and the emergency contact. There will be a 15-minute pause for a response. If there is no response, the Fort Wayne Police Department Desk Sergeant will be called to pick the youth up.

When Fort Wayne Community Schools is Closed:

When school is closed for pre-scheduled closings such as parent/teacher conferences, fall break, spring break, and Christmas break (Dec. 21 -23) our hours of operation will be noon to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday for the youth program. During the second week of Christmas break (Dec. 28-31) the facility will be closed for youth programming and virtual programming will take place between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. On snow days the facility will be closed for youth programming and virtual programming will take place between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m.

Late Pick Ups:

The programs will close at 7pm (Mon- Thurs) and 6pm (Fridays).

LATE PICK UPS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

- If your youth is a car rider, You **MUST** be outside to pick your child up at or before the close of business. If you cannot make an on time pick up- please arrange for someone else to pick your child up on time.
- Walkers will be dismissed promptly at 7pm. If you allow your youth to walk home, please have a safety discussion with them.
- We request that you keep your contact information updated at all times.
- **If no one is there to pick up the youth, at dismissal the desk sergeant will be called to pick up your youth** and you are at HIGH risk of losing your youth's enrollment slot, which means your youth will no longer be able to participate in our after school program.

How to Register:

Registrations may be completed via the online registration form. You can find the link at www.fortwayneparks.org, our Facebook page (Cooper, Jennings, Weisser Youth Centers or McMillen Community Center.)

Attendance at McMillen Park Community Center:

- Attendance for the day is capped at 145 students on a first-come first-served basis.
- Students will not be re-admitted after leaving the facility on a given day.
- Admission begins at 3:00 p.m. daily.

Attendance at Cooper, Jennings or Weisser Centers:

- Attendance for the fall/winter period is capped at 24 students for Cooper Center, 36 students for Jennings Center, and 50 students for Weisser Center.
- Students will not be re-admitted after leaving the facility on a given day without special dispensation from the building supervisor for required appointments.
- **Registration (CYC) will open on Friday July 24th at 5pm.**

- Attendees will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis, based on the time and date that their registration is received. Once the attendance cap is reached registrants will be placed on a waiting list in the order in which their registration was received.
- After registrations are received staff will contact parents to schedule a mandatory, in-person parent meeting to be held the week prior to the start of programming. Attending the parent meeting and signing off on the parent handbook is the final step for registration where the parent will receive youth's enrollment confirmation.
- At Cooper/Jennings/Weisser Centers youth MUST attend 80% of programming days in order to keep their enrollment slot. Attendance will be taken daily. If the attendance drops below 80% students are at HIGH risk of losing their enrollment slot.