

MANKATO FAMILY YMCA
1401 S. Riverfront Drive
Mankato, MN 56001

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FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



YMCA PRESCHOOL & EXTENDED CARE

Y PRESCHOOL CLASSES AGES 33 MONTHS - 5 YEARS

Days: Tuesday/Thursday
Monday/Wednesday/Friday
Monday – Friday

School year runs September thru May
All classes are 2.5 hours in length

Preschool	Days	Time
3-4 YEARS OLD (Must turn three by November 30, 2016)	Tu/Th	8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
	Tu/Th	9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
3-5 YEARS OLD (Must turn three by September 1, 2016)	Tu/Th	12:15 p.m.-2:45 p.m.
PreK	Days	Time
4-5 YEARS OLD (Must turn four by September 1, 2016 or have one year of previous YMCA preschool)	M/W/F	8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
	M/W/F	9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
	M/W/F	12:15 p.m.-2:45 p.m.
4-5 YEARS OLD (Must turn four by September 1, 2016)	M-F	9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
	M-F	12:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Y EXTENDED CARE

Days:	Time
Everyday	Preschool is in session
	7:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
	11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
	2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Preschool Rooms and the YMCA Gyms will be utilized to provide small and large motor opportunities and age appropriate activities. Extended Child Care will be led by certified Preschool Staff.

THE Y DIFFERENCE

The YMCA Preschool fills a child's day with opportunities to explore the wonders of their world, giving them experiences that help them grow and develop into confident, caring, happy individuals. As with any YMCA program, the preschool is grounded in the YMCA mission and program objectives. Our mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind, and body.

OUR CURRICULUM

Our preschool is designed with developmentally appropriate activities that stimulate a child's intellectual, social, emotional and physical growth. The curriculum ensures children receive a learning experience while being engaged with the Y's core values of caring, honesty, respect, responsibility and faith. Children develop skills for Kindergarten readiness and a passion for learning.

DISTINCTIVE

The YMCA Preschool offers a distinctive Preschool/PreKindergarten learning experience in a fun, nurturing environment. Amenities such as the swimming pool, gyms, Kid's Gym, and state-of-the-art classrooms provide additional enrichment experiences.

YMCA MEMBERSHIP NOT REQUIRED

A YMCA membership is not required to enroll in the Preschool program.



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CORE CONTENT AREAS

Literacy – increased vocabulary and language skills, comprehension and enjoyment

Mathematics – beginning understanding of number concepts, patterns, and relationships

Science – beginning understanding of physical, life and environmental sciences

Social Studies – understanding of people, places and environments

Arts – knowledge and understanding of dance, music, drama and visual arts

Technology – awareness and beginning basics of tools and technology

Healthy Habits – understanding of healthy eating, physical and personal safety and building lifelong enjoyment of physical activities

Body, Mind and Spirit – developing social skills, core values and a foundation for social responsibility



ENRICHMENT CLASSES AND PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

To enhance each child's learning experience, the YMCA includes these Enrichment Programs at no additional cost.

SPLASH TIME AND SWIM LESSONS

Children are introduced to a safe aquatic environment where play time helps them become comfortable in and around the water. The PreK groups begin swim lessons to encourage stroke development.

FIT KIDS

Kids stay fit through play and build the foundation of healthy habits while having fun. Children learn about the importance of taking care of their bodies.

YOUTH SPORTS

Children are introduced to a variety of youth and lifetime sports in a fun and non-competitive environment.

FIELD TRIPS

Educational and fun field trips are offered as a part of our curriculum. Parent participation is welcome.

FAMILY EVENTS

- Halloween Party
- Christmas Program
- Spring Program or PreK Graduation
- Open House
- Parent/Teacher Conferences in the Fall and Spring



OUR STAFF

Teachers are hired with education and experience in the early childhood field. Teachers are given access to ongoing educational opportunities and training. Teachers are selected that provide a warm and caring environment in which children are encouraged to explore and grow, while feeling safe and secure.

OUR PRESCHOOL BUILDS THE FOUNDATION FOR YOUR CHILD'S INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING.



THE YMCA FAMILY NETWORK

When you are connected to the YMCA Preschool, you're connected to something much larger. A network devoted to children and families exists within the Y and extends throughout the city, state, and country. This network, over 145 years strong, is committed to developing the total person—spirit, mind, and body—through nurturing the potential of kids, promoting healthy living and fostering a sense of social responsibility.

At the Y, strengthening families and community is our cause. Every day, we work side by side with our neighbors to make sure that everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive. From child care to youth programs to extraordinary camping opportunities, a healthy beginning at the YMCA Preschool can be the start of a healthy lifestyle throughout childhood and adulthood.

HOW TO REGISTER:

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1. Complete the enclosed registration form and sign the agreement form on the reverse side.
2. Enclose a nonrefundable registration fee of \$40.
3. Return completed form by mail or in person to:

YMCA – Attention Cheryl Ballard or Margo Dietz
1401 South Riverfront Drive
Mankato, MN 56001

If you have any questions or would like to set up a time to visit our Preschool please call Cheryl Ballard or Margo Dietz at the YMCA.

A confirmation letter will be mailed within two weeks upon receiving registration form and signed released form.



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