

Welcome to the Newport County YMCA Treehouse

Welcome to the YMCA Treehouse program at the Newport County YMCA. We are proud to offer this essential service to our members. The Treehouse is designed to allow the entire family to utilize the Y at the same time. The Treehouse is more than just babysitting. We offer activities that involve children in arts & crafts, coloring, circle time, games, and other interactive play.

~*~ **Hours** ~*~

Monday-Friday	8:30am-115pm 3:30pm-730pm
Saturday	8:45am-12:15pm
Sunday	CLOSED

General Information

1. Adult members, single parent members and family members' children may use the Treehouse. **You MAY NOT bring in someone else's child; this includes other members children. Parents must sign in/out their own children.** We abide by this rule as a safety consideration; if the child is ever hurt, the parent or legal guardian is the only person who may grant medical attention.
2. We suggest that when coming to the Treehouse for the first time, you visit and play with the child for at least 20 minutes before leaving, especially if you are a parent of a young child. This will help to make your child feel more comfortable with the room and the Y staff when you leave. Children must be 6 weeks of age to participate. We will also ask you to fill out a child information sheet.
3. Due to the popularity of the Treehouse, the consideration of other members and the wellbeing of your child, we ask that you limit your child's time to the following:
 - 6 weeks to 6 months— 1 hour
 - 7 months to 12 months— 1 1/2 hour
 - 1 to 10 years old — 2 hours

These guidelines are from the YMCA of the USA and are based upon age appropriate needs.

4. Please have your child arrive in a clean diaper before bringing them into the Treehouse. Based on the health and safety regulations, we do not change diapers. If the child needs a diaper change, we will locate the parent. Please make every effort to come quickly to the room. Leaving an infant/child in a soiled diaper can cause a terrible rash and makes for an uncomfortable situation for all.
5. The children have snack time in the morning and afternoon. Reminder: small snacks that can cause choking are not allowed; i.e. popcorn, nuts, lollipops, and other hard candy. Any snack containing peanuts (i.e. peanut butter) and strawberries are not allowed due to possible allergic reaction. To help foster good nutrition at the YMCA we ask that you bring a healthy snack for your child. Some suggestions: fruit, yogurt, whole grain crackers, pretzels, cheese and granola bars.

Please note: If your child brings an apple, please peel before you arrive.

6. Please mark all personal belongings.
7. We have plenty to choose from while your child is with us, so please do not bring personal toys or games from home. This can cause conflicts with other children and we are not responsible for lost or damaged items. Also some toys may not be age appropriate and pose serious risks to other children in the Treehouse.
- 8. Parents must remain in the building while your child is participating in the Treehouse Program. Going outdoors for a run is strictly prohibited; In the event that we need to locate you.**
9. The lateness policy is as follows: lateness will be tolerated three times. After the third incident your time in the Treehouse will be reduced by 15 minutes. Habitual lateness may cause you to lose Treehouse privileges, as this is not fair to other members.

Treehouse Policies

- All children must be checked into the Treehouse
- Calling ahead to reserve a spot is strictly prohibited
- If your child has a hard time adjusting to the Treehouse program, we will make every effort to calm and comfort your child. We will ask parents to attend to their child if unfavorable behavior persists beyond 15 minutes.
- If your child is ill with a fever, vomiting and diarrhea, please keep your child home.
- If your child is home for ANY reason during the school day (with the exception to religious obligations), he/she may not attend the Treehouse.
- If your child develops a communicable disease, please inform the Family Program Coordinator so we may notify other parents. Your name will be confidential. Children must be on antibiotics for 24 hours before returning to the Treehouse.
- If you do not follow our sick policy your privileges could be suspended. A child with an undiagnosed rash (other than diaper rash) will not be permitted to stay in the Treehouse. If your child has a rash, please bring in a doctors not stating that the child may be in day care.
- Children displaying inappropriate behavior will receive an age appropriate time out from their activity. Staff will inform parents if this situation occurs and will work with you to prevent future incidents.

The Newport County YMCA adheres to three basic discipline guidelines:

1. Discipline should focus on the expected, appropriate behavior rather than the inappropriate behavior.
2. The objective of staff should be to instruct rather than to criticize.
3. Discipline is a process of learning and positive reinforcement.

Our staff will strive to nurture individual character by teaching the YMCA values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

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