

Y-KIDS' Club Family Newsletter

"This is fun."

- YKIDS Club participant

As a child care provider that sentence could be one of the best things we can hear. While we wish that every aspect of our program was *so much fun* we know that every child does not enjoy every moment of YKIDS.

Structure vs. Chaos

At Y-KIDS we try to not be like school. We know that your child(ren) needs a break from constant structure and rules of the school year, but, like every parent and child care provider knows—children crave rules, structure and boundaries, some more than others. They need these things to grow into a balanced, independent, successful individual.

We at YKIDS hope that we are providing a care environment for your child that is both fun and safe—we take our supervision of your children very seriously, as we should, and really have one main rule: RESPECT.

We emphasize that your child learn to respect himself or herself, the leaders, others (in words and keeping hands to themselves) and property (their own, other kid's and the Y's). This is our goal and the main thing we try to correct the kids about. We are trying to, help them learn about and practice respect.

Please take a few minutes the next time you're here to check out our chore board. Along side their chore for the week you will see a green, yellow or red dot next to their name. This helps you know what kind of day they have had. Please talk through ways to prevent moving to yellow or red and praise them when they remain at green!

Can you believe we are almost halfway through June?

Alana Murphy



Important Dates:

- Thurs, June 18—**Trip to the Kansas Cosmosphere**
- Thurs, June 25—**Trip to the Waterpark**
- Thurs, July 2—**Trip to the Waterpark**



Important Information:

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Going on vacation?

**Please drop me an email so I can get that date on the calendar!
With at least two weeks notice you will not be charged for the missed day.**

The Cosmosphere

On Thursday, June 18 we will be traveling to Hutchinson to visit the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center. I know the kids are looking forward to it and so are we!

Cost of the trip is \$13.50 which includes a “Mission pass” and pizza lunch. You can begin bringing your child’s (cash) admittance fees in Monday.

Our trip schedule:

- 9:30 AM Leave the Y
- 10:30AM Hall of Space Tour
- 11:00 AM “Beavers” Movie at the IMAX
- 12:00 PM Lunch at Lunar Outpost
- 1:00 PM Dr. Goddard’s Lab
- 2:00 PM Night Sky Planetarium Show
- 3:00 PM Head back to McPherson



Summer Lunch Program for McPherson Children

Together, the United Way of McPherson County and the McPherson County Community Foundation (both supports of YKIDS Club) are organizing a summer food program for families who are in need of a little support.

This program is similar to the “Mac Pack” school year program located at Lincoln Elementary School. Weekly lunch items will be delivered to participating families. The lunches would include such items as bread, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, fruit, granola bars and cheese sticks. Perfect for sack lunch to the Y.

If your family can benefit from having weekly lunches delivered to your home this summer, please complete the form attached to this newsletter and return to the United Way office at 306 North Main, or mail to P.O. Box 55, McPherson.

On the flip side, if you are doing well and would like to help provide volunteer help and/or food donations of non-perishable items to the program to serve families in our community please let me know.

~Alana