



# SUPPORTING BRIGHT FUTURES

GREATER JOLIET AREA YMCA

**KID ZONE**

Before and After School Youth  
Enrichment Program

**2025-2026**

## JOIN THE Y Save on Kid Zone

Did you know that Y members  
pay lower rates and can  
take advantage of priority  
registration for Kid Zone?

Become a YMCA member today!







**C.W. AVERY  
FAMILY YMCA**

# WHERE KIDS THRIVE

## Kid Zone

Before and After School Youth Enrichment Program

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**REGISTRATION  
OPENS:**

April 12 for YMCA  
Facility Members and  
April 19 for Community  
Members.

**PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INCOME-BASED PRICING  
AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION.**

Apply for Financial Assistance and pay as little as \$1 per month for Kid Zone.

At the Y, no one is turned away due to the inability to pay. DHS funds are accepted. Financial assistance may also be available for those who do not qualify for DHS funds.

In the YMCA's Before and After School program, kids participate in physical, learning, and imaginative activities that encourage them to explore who they are and what they can achieve. Kids have fun, make new friends, and create memories that last a lifetime.

**Providing onsite care at seven Valley View schools**

### VALLEY VIEW 365U

- Bernard J. Ward Elementary School
- Independence Elementary School
- Irene King Elementary School
- John R. Tibbott Elementary School
- Kenneth L. Hermansen Elementary School
- Oak View Elementary School
- Wood View Elementary School



**REGISTER  
EARLY AND SAVE!**  
Register for Kid Zone by  
April 28, and pay a  
\$0 registration fee —  
a savings of \$50.

**To learn more about Kid Zone, please contact:**

**Kassandra Lepe, Child Care Director**  
Phone: (815) 267-8600, ext. 211  
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**Jenna Nelson, Child Care Manager**  
Phone: (815) 267-8600, ext. 232  
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**SCAN HERE TO REGISTER:**



### MONTHLY PROGRAM RATES

The YMCA's Kid Zone program is designed to meet the needs of local families. When enrolling in the Y's before and after school program, families can choose from the following enrollment plans.

#### 1-2 DAYS PER WEEK

##### Community Member Pricing

Before School Only	\$155/installment*
After School Only	\$170/installment*
Before and After School	\$245/installment*

#### 3-5 DAYS PER WEEK

##### Community Member Pricing

Before School Only	\$225/installment*
After School Only	\$250/installment*
Before and After School	\$365/installment*

\*10 installments total. Plus a one-time annual \$50 non-refundable registration fee per family.

Kid Zone payments will be paid monthly via automatic withdrawal from a checking account or debit/credit card. Participants may start attending Kid Zone four business days after the day registration is completed.

**C.W. AVERY FAMILY YMCA**

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# ALWAYS HERE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

## Child Care Financial Assistance

At the Y, we believe that no one should be denied access to YMCA child care programs based on their inability to pay. Ensuring access for all, Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) funds are accepted and financial assistance is also available.

### APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TODAY

1. Check your eligibility for IDHS assistance by viewing the tables below:

2.

Family Size 2	
Monthly Income	Monthly Co-Pay
0 - 1703	1.00
1704 - 1874	18.00
1875 - 2044	39.00
2045 - 2214	64.00
2215 - 2385	92.00
2386 - 2555	124.00
2556 - 2725	158.00
2726 - 2896	197.00
2897 - 3066	209.00
3067 - 3236	221.00
3237 - 3407	233.00
3408 - 3577	245.00
3578 - 3747	256.00
3748 - 3833	265.00

Family Size 3	
Monthly Income	Monthly Co-Pay
0 - 2152	1.00
2153 - 2367	23.00
2368 - 2582	50.00
2583 - 2797	81.00
2798 - 3012	116.00
3013 - 3228	156.00
3229 - 3443	200.00
3444 - 3658	249.00
3659 - 3873	264.00
3874 - 4088	279.00
4089 - 4303	294.00
4304 - 4519	309.00
4520 - 4734	324.00
4735 - 4841	335.00

Family Size 4	
Monthly Income	Monthly Co-Pay
0 - 2600	1.00
2601 - 2860	27.00
2861 - 3120	60.00
3121 - 3380	98.00
3381 - 3640	140.00
3641 - 3900	189.00
3901 - 4160	242.00
4161 - 4420	300.00
4421 - 4680	319.00
4681 - 4940	337.00
4941 - 5200	255.00
5201 - 5460	373.00
5461 - 5720	391.00
5721 - 5850	405.00

Family Size 5	
Monthly Income	Monthly Co-Pay
0 - 3048	1.00
3049 - 3353	32.00
3354 - 3658	70.00
3659 - 3963	114.00
3964 - 4268	165.00
4269 - 4573	221.00
4574 - 4877	284.00
4878 - 5182	352.00
5183 - 5487	373.00
5488 - 5792	395.00
5793 - 6097	416.00
6098 - 6402	438.00
6403 - 6706	459.00
6707 - 6859	475.00

To be eligible, you must live in Illinois, be employed or in school, have children under 13 that need care, and fall within the household income levels listed.

Tables last updated, July 2024

If your family size is larger than five, you can check your eligibility for assistance through IDHS by visiting:  
[www.dhs.state.il.us/applications/childcareeligcalc/eligcalc.html](http://www.dhs.state.il.us/applications/childcareeligcalc/eligcalc.html)

3. Families that qualify for assistance through IDHS will be directed to visit [www.childcarehelp.com](http://www.childcarehelp.com) to download a Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) application. Please bring your completed application to the YMCA to have it signed before submitting it your local Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) Agency.

Completed applications may be submitted via email at [assistance@childcarehelp.com](mailto:assistance@childcarehelp.com), by mail, or in person:  
Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) Administrative Office  
801 North Larkin Avenue, Suite 202  
Joliet, Illinois 60435

Applications can be left in the blue drop box located outside of the CCR&R building.

4. Upon being approved for assistance, you will receive an approval letter from IDHS. Please bring that letter to the Y when registering your children for a YMCA child care program.

**Please note:** If your family is not approved for funding through IDHS, assistance may be available through the YMCA's financial assistance fund. To learn more, please contact the Child Care Director at your local YMCA branch. Families will be required to submit a copy of their IDHS denial letter when applying for assistance through the YMCA.

# BEYOND THE BELL

We know that learning doesn't end when the school bell rings. The way your children spend time before and after school can make a big difference in their personal development and your family-life balance. At the YMCA, kids engage in a variety of exciting physical and imaginative activities that encourage them to explore who they are and what they can achieve.

After school programs at the Y are more than a safe place for your child. Our program nurtures a child's potential, ensuring the development of healthy, trusting relationships that build confidence and character. Through guided play, children learn to respect themselves and others, work out their differences, and discover the value of true friendship.

Academic support from caring role models enriches your child's educational experience and enables families to spend more quality time together.



## OUR MISSION

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

## OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

We believe the values and skills learned early on are vital building blocks for life. At the Y, children learn values and positive behaviors, and can explore their unique talents and interests, helping them realize their potential. That makes for confident kids today and contributing and engaged adults tomorrow.

Each day, parents look to the YMCA to provide a safe and secure environment where children can learn practical social skills and develop positive values. Our low staff-to-child ratio also allows our team to give each student the attention and guidance necessary to create a positive and safe environment.

Our reputation for consistency and safety, as well as our focus on youth development, gives parents the confidence they need to trust us with their children.

## OUR BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL TEAM

In the YMCA's Before and After School Program, caring and professional role models are committed to helping kids build confidence and character. The dedication and professionalism of our highly trained staff is extraordinary. All YMCA Kid Zone Counselors are 16\* years of age or older and are required to be trained or certified in a number of Health, Safety, and Child Development courses, including the following:

- American Red Cross First Aid, CPR, AED
- American Red Cross Anaphylaxis and Epi Auto-Injector
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Prevention/Recognition of Child Abuse
- Sexual Harassment Prevention

\*Certain eligibility requirements must be met for 16 and 17-year-old candidates.



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE

At the YMCA, no one is turned away due to the inability to pay. In keeping with our mission, the Greater Joliet Area YMCA provides financial assistance, as funds are available, to those who qualify, based on a sliding fee scale. DHS funds are also accepted. To learn more about the Y's Financial Assistance Program, please visit [www.jolietymca.org](http://www.jolietymca.org) or stop by your local branch today.

## KID ZONE HOURS



Monday through Friday, on school days

**Before School\*:** 7–9 a.m.

**After School:** 3–6 p.m.

Program hours coordinate with each district's school day.

\*At select locations.

## LETTING KIDS BE KIDS

### DAYS OUT OF SCHOOL

The Greater Joliet Area YMCA also offers programs for children when school is not in session. Whether it's an Institute Day or Holiday Break, your child is invited to join the Y and kids from all of our Kid Zone sites for days full of fun and adventure.

Children, grades K–8, may be signed in at the Y\* as early as 7 a.m. and signed out as late as 6 p.m. All participants should dress for the weather, bring a sack lunch, drink, snacks, swimsuit, and a towel. Advanced registration is required.

To learn more, please contact your local YMCA branch.

Programs vary by location.

## REGISTER EARLY — SPACE IS LIMITED

## AMAZING LEARNING EXPERIENCES

### PROGRAM CURRICULUM

The YMCA's character building campaign pledges to incorporate the values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility into all of its youth programming. Our Before and After School program provides a resource-rich environment and introduces children to lessons and activities that build on what they learn during the regular school day.

While attending the Y's Before and After School program, your child will participate in activities that focus on:



Arts and Humanities



Character Development



Health, Wellness, and Fitness



Homework Support



Literacy



Science & Technology



Service Learning




Social Competence and  
Conflict Resolution




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The Greater Joliet Area YMCA's Kid Zone program serves students in school districts throughout Will and Grundy Counties.

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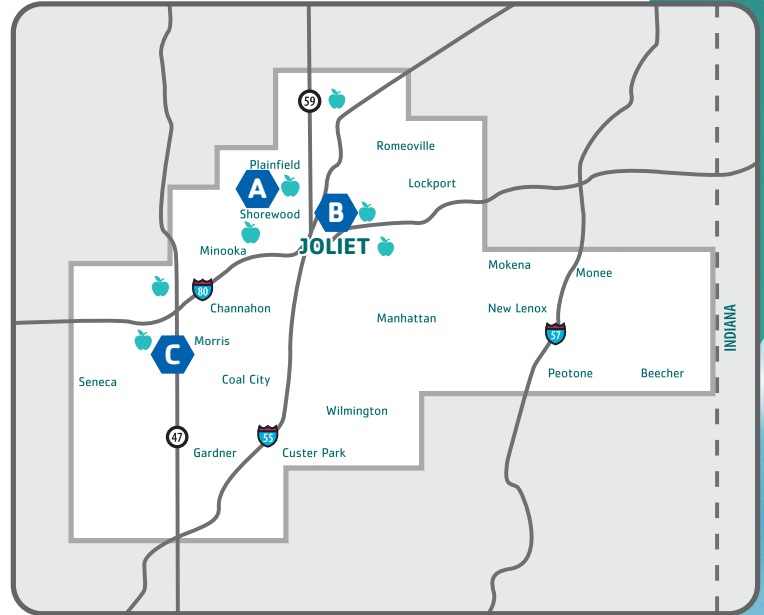
 **Serving:** Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202 and Valley View School District 365U

**B Galowich Family YMCA**  
749 Houbolt Road, Joliet, Illinois 60431  
(815) 744-3939

 **Serving:** Joliet Public Schools District 86, Troy Community Consolidated School District 30-C, Laraway School District 70C, and Rockdale School District 84

**C Morris Hospital YMCA**  
2200 W. Dupont Avenue, Morris, IL 60450  
(815) 513-8080

 **Serving:** Morris Elementary School District 54 and Saratoga CCSD 60C



To learn more information about the Y's Before and After School program or to inquire about opening a new Kid Zone site in your local school district, please contact your local YMCA branch.

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