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## Green Hope After School Program

Grades K - 5

### Location

Green Hope Elementary School  
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### What does After School Cover?

The After School Program covers all 180 school days as outlined by the Wake County School System. The After School Program does not cover Teacher Workdays and Student Holidays. These days are covered by the School's Out Special Program and must be purchased apart from After School.

### How will my child get to the YMCA's Green Hope After School Program?

At the conclusion of the regular school day, Green Hope students should remain in their classrooms. YMCA counselors will leave the gymnasium at the sound of the bell and go from room to room picking up the students enrolled in the YMCA program.

### What will my child do during the After School Program time?

Green Hope After School is a safe, fun alternative to hanging out at home. Skill development clinics (including soccer, chess, and dance), devotions, character development programs, arts & crafts, homework time, gym games, and outdoor games are all part of the After School experience.

### What are Skill Development Clinics?

Clinics are an instructional time offered 2 days a week. Clinics teach or improve student's skills in certain areas. The focus is not "playing" but learning. For example, during soccer clinic the campers will not be playing a game but doing passing drills, discussing team strategy, and learning how to play soccer. Clinic choices vary from month to month and will be announced in the monthly newsletter. Possible clinics include soccer, chess, arts & crafts, basketball, origami, drama, etc.

### What are Character Bands and Carabineers?

A main focus of the YMCA is character development. One way this is integrated into after school is through our character band system. All children receive a carabineer (used in rock climbing, but also for those who want to carry keys or character bands). The counselors pass out character bands every day to students who exemplify one of our four character traits. The character bands vary in color and meaning, and are a great encouragement and incentive to all students.

Red = caring	Blue = honesty
Green = responsibility	Yellow = respect
Purple = Faith in God	Black = New skills
Orange = Camper of the Day	

### What about Homework Time?

Homework time is offered as an option during activity time Monday through Thursday. During homework time, there are counselors available to help answer questions. This is not a one on one tutoring session but rather a time for children to work independently on school work.



## **Family Fun Events**

Family Fun Events are a great time for you and your family to spend time with each other and your child's counselors. Family Events include:

October	Trunk or Treat
December	Movie Night
March	Pinewood Derby
April	Healthy Kids Day

Information on all these events will be posted in the monthly newsletter.

## **How does the Rides In and Rides Out system work?**

Rides Out begins at 5:00 p.m. Beginning at this time, a YMCA Counselor will be waiting in front of the gymnasium with a walkie-talkie. They will announce your arrival and your student will be sent out to your car. Please have your YMCA School Pick-up Card visible in your car window. Your child's safety is of utmost importance to us and no child will be released until positive identification is confirmed. Pick-up cards will be given out the first day by the Green Hope staff during Rides Out.

## **What if I want to pick up my student before Rides Out begins?**

If you need to pick up your child before 5:00 p.m., please come in to the building and sign your child out at the Green Hope Desk. Please have your identification available so the staff can verify your identity.

## **What do I need to do if I know my child will be absent from After School?**

If your child will not be attending the After School Program, please call the Green Hope After School office at **(919) 815-0809** and leave a message for the staff.